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Report of Committee on Statistics.

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Annual Conferences.	Itinerant Ministers.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Valuation of Church Property.	Percentage of Increase.	Percentage of Decrease.
Alabama	38	29	3,746	169	64	3	$ 68,000	19	.....
Arkansas	21	12	2,041	.....	43	1	7,275	16	.....
Alabama, Colored	16	1	900	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore, Colored	16	5	400	100	9	...	4,500	.....	.....
Central Texas	17	19	1,955	7	7	2	.....	25	.....
Colorada, Texas	27	16	1,205	67	11	2	2,825	136	.....
Colorado, Colored	9	.....	484	11	.....	....	2,458	.....	.....
Deep River	9	2	500	.....	12	...	500	.....	.....
Fort Smith	47	22	1,700	43	12	1	8,000	28	.....
Georgia	29	13	2,864	94	43	....	15,700	30	.....
Georgia, Colored	41	28	1,125	57	33	...	7,560	.....	.....
Genesse	21	3	844	46	12½	8	38,400	18	.....
Indiana	40	65	7,014	144	106½	15	116,625	2	.....
Iowa	54	17	3,196	19	45	18	75,000	8	.....
Kansas	52	38	1,603	33	16	11	24,340	72	.....
Kentucky	30	7	1,300	.....	21		1,650	8	.....
Louisiana	5	4	1,900	.....	31	...	7,340	68	.....
McCain	12	12	587	7	4	....	1,957	.....	.....
Maryland	110	62	15,332	1,727	234	62	863,045	5	.....
Michigan	61	32	2,676	73	42	24	73,650	22	.....
Mississippi	14	8	1,175	14	34	....	3,300	10	.....
Minnesota	18	.....	280	20	4	2	3,125	.....	7
Missouri	30	55	3,257	85	26	4	17,500	11	.....
Muskingum	51	55	11,777	83	138	14	257,750	16	.....
New York	27	2	2,207	39	25	11	164,500	.....	9
New Jersey	25	22	2,868	191	31	12	123,900	40	.....
North Carolina	90	54	13,311	158	181½	5	76,380	8	.....
North Missouri	30	55	3,250	33	26	4	22,000	154	.....
Nebraska	20	12	449	7	6	3	5,700	..	15
North Illinois	34	24	2,421	20	46½	16	86,450	5	.....
North Arkansas	20	12	1,000	15	13½	1	6,900	.....	.....
North Mississippi	14	14	708	15	16	..	3,600	5	.....
Ohio	52	48	6,759	225	102	26	282,800	11	.....
Onondaga	10	46	1,965	103	34	25	92,700	.....	9
Oregon	6	4	200	....	2	1	15,000	.....	.....
Pittsburgh	46	46	7,409	117	74	23	555,075		8
Pennsylvania	17	13	1,166	17	18¾	5	26,775	105	.....
South Illinois	42	27	2,519	136	41	16	25,100	.....	6
South Carolina	22	10	2,000	.....	37	3	14,350	80	.....
Spring River, Colored	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	19	4	930	.....	17	....	10,000	.....	10
Texas	35	17	1,595	10	18½	5	8,925		12
Virginia	50	35	5,509	153	72¾	...	31,300	69	.....
West-Michigan	25	43	1,296	16	26½	12	38,500	.....	9
West Virginia	71	119	13,783	192	144	21	134,825	5	.....
West Tennessee	16	2	951	.....	17	....	5,000	17	.....
West Arkansas	15	4	1,300	.....	31	1	10,000	10	.....
Red River	9	2	.....	25	10	...	1,000	.....	.....
Total, 1888	1,463	1,125	141,557	4,271	2,039	357	$3,342,050	.....	.....
Net gain, 1888	123	206	13,891	674	184	46	314,620	.....	.....
A gain of	.....	.....	12 per ct.	.....	.....	....	13 per ct.	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS KELLEY, *Chairman*, WM. J. SPEER,
J. L. SCARBOROUGH, J. T. HARRIS, *Sec'y*.
J. H. LUSE,

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

Friday Morning, May 20, 1892.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in sixteenth quadrennial session, at the Methodist Protestant Church, Westminster, Maryland, Friday, May 20, 1892, at 9 A. M.

The President, Rev. David Jones, Pittsburgh, being absent, the Conference was called to order by the Secretary, U. S. Fleming, West Virginia.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. G. B. McElroy, of Michigan, and consisted of the following: Reading Psalm 103 by Rev. G. B. McElroy; singing Number 406 in Tribute of Praise; prayer by Rev. G. B. McElroy; singing, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing;" prayer by Rev. W. S. Hammond, of Maryland; singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name;" prayer by Rev. John Scott, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

A roll of members was then called.

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(Lay representatives in *italics;* alternates, starred.)

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1	Geo. R. Brown,*	Montgomery,		Alabama.
2	J. T. Howell,	Sardis,	Dallas,	"
3	*C. E. Crenshaw,*	Coosada,		"

ALABAMA COLORED MISSION.

4	John Merriman, Messenger,	Berlin,	Dallas,	Alabama.

OFFICERS.

DR. J. W. HERING, PRESIDENT,

WESTMINSTER, MD.

REV. J. F. COWAN, SECRETARY,

PITTSBURGH, PA.

PROF. U. S. FLEMING, REV. L. D. STULTZ,

ASSISTANTS.

MARYLAND.

	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
29	L. W. Bates, 1214 Light street,	Baltimore,		Maryland.
30	J. D. Kinzer,	"		"
31	T. H. Lewis,	Westminster,		"
32	F. T. Tagg,	Baltimore,		"
33	W. M. Strayer,	Buckeystown,		"
34	W. S. Hammond,	Baltimore,		"
35	F. T. Little,	"		"
36	J. T. Murray,	"		"
37	E. J. Drinkhouse,	"		"
38	*J. W. Hering*,	Westminster,		"
39	*W. J. C. Dulany*,	Baltimore,		"
40	*Daniel Baker*,	Buckeystown,		"
41	*J. D. Grant*,	Accomac C. H.,		Virginia.
42	*W. C. Coulbourne*,	Hopewell Station,	Somerset,	Maryland.
43	*Joshua Miles*,	Princess Anne,	"	"
44	*Samuel Vannort*,	Chestertown,		"
45	*S. S. Ewell*,	Vienna,		"

MICHIGAN.

46	G. B. McElroy,	Adrian,		Michigan.
47	C. W. Stephenson,*	Saginaw,		"
48	*A. A. Rust*,	Franklin,	Oakland,	"
49	*Roscoe Swift*,	Adrian,		"

MISSOURI.

50	J. A. Sartin,	Lincoln,	Benton,	Missouri.
51	*J. F. Howe*,	Ionia,		"

MISSISSIPPI.

52	J. L. Scarborough,	Magee,	Simpson,	Mississippi.
53	*N. W. Davis*,	Battlefield,	Newton,	"

MUSKINGUM.

54	D. C. Coburn,	Adrian,		Michigan.
55	M. L. Jennings,	New Comerstown,	Tuscarawas,	Ohio.
56	J. A. Thrapp,	Toronto,		"
57	J. W. Thompson,*	Fostoria,		"
58	W. L. Wells,	West Lafayette,		"
59	F. A. Brown,	Cambridge,		"
60	*Vincent Ferguson*,*	West Lafayette,		"
61	*J. B. McLucas*,	McConnellsville,	Morgan,	"
62	*T. J. Barnes*,	"	"	"
63	*C. J. Yingling*,	Tiffin,		"
64	*M. Yingling*,	New Comerstown,	Tuscarawas,	Ohio.

ARKANSAS.

	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
5	H. B. Cox,*	Magnolia,		Arkansas.
6	J. J. Bond,*	"		"

COLORADO (TEXAS.)

7	Thomas Aaron,	Stephensville,	Erath,	Texas.

CENTRAL TEXAS.

8	W. G. Veal,	Fort Worth,		Texas.

GEORGIA.

9	J. O. A. Radford,	Jersey,		Georgia
10	F. H. M. Henderson,	Atlanta, (Waco),		"
11	*G. B. Branan,*	Stockbridge,		"
12	*W. G. McDaniel,*	Bowden,		"

GENESEE.

13	A. L. Stinard,	Syracuse,		New York.
14	*Henry H. Vick,*	Barnards,	Monroe,	"

INDIANA.

15	H. Stackhouse,	Kendallville,		Indiana.
16	S. H. Flood,	Stinesville,	Monroe,	"
17	F. M. Hussey,	Adrian,		Michigan.
18	W. H. Fisher,	Frankfort,	Clinton,	Indiana.
19	*O. C. Clark,*	Garrett,		"
20	*W. W. McCaslin,*	Franklin,		"
21	*Mrs. M. J. Morgan,*	Glenn's Valley,		"
22	*W. R. Beard,**	Indianopolis,		"

IOWA.

23	W. Huddleston,	Attica,	Marion,	Iowa.
24	*Mrs. E. A. Murphy,*	Murphy,	Jasper,	"
25	*J. W. Murphy,*	"	"	"

KANSAS.

26	Mrs. E. F. St. John,	Beloit,		Kansas.
27	*W. S. Hendricks,*	Fort Scott,		"

LOUISIANA.

28	Jas. P. Patton,			Louisiana.

ONONDAGO.

	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
96	W. H. Bentley,	Lafayette,	Jefferson,	New York.
97	*Geo. W. Crandall,*	"	"	"

OREGON.

98	O. V. W. Chandler,	Seattle,		Washington.

PENNSYLVANIA.

99	Samuel McGlain,	Shickshinny,	Luzerne,	Penn'a.
100	*E. T. Molyneax,*	Overton,	Bradford,	"

PITTSBURGH.

101	John Scott,	Wellsburg,		W. Va.
102	G. G. Westfall,	Washington,		Penn'a.
103	A. W. Robertson,	Fordyce,		"
104	J. F. Dyer,	Youngstown,		Ohio.
105	*W. K. Gillespie,*	Pittsburgh,		Penn'a.
106	*H. M. Myers,*	Beaver Falls,		"
107	*G. W. Pogue,*	Paris,	Washington,	"
108	*Dennis Smith,*	Fordyce,	Greene,	"

SOUTH ILLINOIS.

109	J. G. Reed,	Pinkstaff,		Illinois.

TENNESSEE.

110	B. F. Duggan,	Unionville,		Tennessee.

TEXAS.

111	J. L. Garrison,	Paris,		Texas.
112	*D. P. Hollon,*	"		"

VIRGINIA.

113	E. M. Lockwood,	Whitesburg,		Tennessee.

WEST MICHIGAN.

114	L. Dodds,	Battle Creek,		Michigan.
115	*Thos. McKee,*	Wakelee,	Cass,	"

WEST VIRGINIA.

116	Oliver Lowther,*	Berlin,	Lewis,	W. Va.
117	B. Stout,	Rockford,	Harrison,	"
118	D. G. Helmick,	Palatine,	Marion,	"
119	A. L. McKeever,	Lorentz,	Upshur,	"

NORTH ILLINOIS.

	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
65	A. H. Widney,	Cuba,		Illinois.
66	*W. S. Wilson*,	Ohio,	Bureau,	"

NORTH MISSOURI.

67	W. S. Miller,	Cahoka,	Clark,	Missouri.

NEBRASKA.

68	W. C. Miller,	Merna,	Custer,	Nebraska.

NEW JERSEY.

69	T. B. Appleget,	Hightstown,		New Jersey.
70	L. D. Stultz,	Westville,		"
71	*J. F. Fulton*,	South Amboy,	Middlesex,	"

NEW YORK.

72	Reuel Hanks,	Daleville,		Penn'a.
73	J. J. Smith,*	Fishkill-on-the-Hudson,		New York.
74	*Theo. Cocheu*,	Brooklyn,		"

NORTH CAROLINA.

75	W. A. Bunch,	Kernersville,		N. Carolina.
76	W. F. Kennett,	Mebane,	Alamance,	"
77	D. A. Highfill,	Kittrell,		"
78	C. L. Whitaker,	Winston,	Forsythe,	"
79	J. R. Ball,	Greensboro,	Guilford,	"
80	C. A. Cecil,	Highpoint,		"
81	*J. L. Ogburn*,	Greensboro,		"
82	*W. C. Whitaker*,	Enfield,	Halifax,	"
83	*R. T. Pickens*,	Lexington,		"
84	*J. M. Hadley*,*	La Grange,		"
85	*W. C. Hammer*,	Asheboro,		"
86	*G. S. Wills*,	Oak Ridge,	Guilford,	"
87	*G. B. Harris*,	Henderson,	Vance,	"

OHIO.

88	T. B. Graham,	Springfield,		Ohio.
89	D. S. Stephens,	Pittsburgh,		Penn'a.
90	A. M. Ravenscroft,	Findlay,		Ohio.
91	J. F. Henkle,	Sabina,		"
92	*S. P. Weaver*,	Leipsic,	Putnam,	"
93	*Henry Baughn*,*	Washington C.H.,	Fayette,	"
94	*S. C. Gressley*,	Findlay,	Hancock,	"
95	*C. W. Henkle*,	Staunton,	Fayette,	"

NORTH MISSISSIPPI.

	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
145	John Stone,			Mississippi.
146	*H. R. Green,*			"

SOUTH CAROLINA.

147	C. McSmith,			S. Carolina.
148	*Daniel Yarborough,*			"

Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, of Maryland Conference, was elected Temporary Chairman.

On motion of Rev. F. T. Tagg, Maryland, the Chair appointed a special committee of three, consisting of Rev. W. S. Hammond, Maryland, Bros. W. A. Strickler, West Virginia, and J. B. McLucas, Muskingum, to consider the cases of representatives who had not sent their certificates to the Secretary, and who may be present with their certificates.

A resolution by Rev. A. W. Robertson, Pittsburgh, relating to the admission of women as delegates, was declared out of order.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Lewis, of Western Maryland College, it was ordered that the Conference appoint a postmaster to take charge of the Conference mail. On motion of Rev. J. A. Thrapp, of Muskingum, the pastor of the church, Rev. A. D. Melvin, was requested to act as postmaster.

The Conference, on motion of Rev. T. B. Appleget, of New Jersey, then took a recess of ten minutes, in order to give the Special Committee time to prepare its report.

Conference called to order after recess by the President. On motion of Dr. J. W. Hering, Maryland, the hours of meeting and of recesses were fixed: For opening, 9 A. M.; recess, from 12 to 2; and adjournment at the pleasure of the Conference. On motion, the Conference took a recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, Rev. T. H. Lewis, Rev. A. D. Melvin and Bro. J. W. Hering were appointed a Committee on Pulpit Services.

WEST VIRGINIA—Continued.

	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
120	J. M. Conaway,	Flemington,	Taylor,	W. Va.
121	D. C. Wees,	"	"	"
122	R. C. Dean,	Morgantown,	Monongalia,	"
123	J. F. Cowan,	Pittsburgh,		Penn'a.
124	*C. H. Smoot*,	Newburg,	Preston,	W. Va.
125	*W. A. Strickler*,	Ellenboro',	Ritchie,	"
126	*U. S. Fleming*,	Pittsburgh,		Penn'a.
127	*Porter Maxwell*,	Peel Tree,	Barbour,	"
128	*Miss M. M. Bonnett*,	Berlin,	Lewis,	"
129	*J. W. Hull*,	Grafton,	Taylor,	"

The following were reported elected representatives, but were neither certified to the Secretary, as required by the Discipline, nor present with credentials:

BALTIMORE (COLORED.)

	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
130	W. H. Holland,			Maryland.
131	Perry Grey,			"

CHARLESTON (COLORED.)

132	E R. Washington,			

FLORIDA.

133	T. J. Lyle,			Florida.
134	*J. J. Fielding*,			"

FORT SMITH.

135	W. S. Bartholomew,			Fort Smith.
136	*Wm. Irwin*,			"

GEORGIA (COLORED.)

137	J. T. Robinson,			Georgia.
138	*Jas. S. Smith*,			"

INDIAN MISSION.

139	W. V. Tunstall,			
140	*J. C. Hart*,			

KENTUCKY.

141	P. G. Pyree,			Kentucky.
142	*D. M. Dillon*,			"

MINNESOTA.

143	Austin Lent,			Minnesota.
144	*T. N. Miller*,			"

"after the member has stated his appeal," after the words "without debate," in the next to the last line. On motion, the Rules of Order found in the minutes of the Fifteenth General Conference were adopted, with the above mentioned amendment.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Conference shall be opened at the appointed hour with religious services, under the direction of the President, or in his absence, under that of the Secretary.

2. After the religious exercises of each session, the roll shall be called by the Secretary, and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

3. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair as "Mr. President," and then pause until he is recognized by the Chair, as follows: "The representative from ————." The President in putting a question shall do it standing.

4. Any motion made and seconded, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, a call for the previous question, for the yeas and nays and for a division of the house, shall be handed to the Chair when required by the Secretary, signed by the mover and second, and be read by the Secretary before any debate is had thereon.

5. No interruption shall be suffered while a member is on the floor, but by a call to order by the Chair or some other member of the Conference. In such cases, the member making the call shall state the ground on which he makes it, and the member supposed to be out of order shall have an opportunity to explain. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, agreeably to the rules of the Conference; *provided*, however, that any member may, by obtaining a second, appeal to the Conference from the decision of the Chair; but the question thereon shall be taken without debate, after the member has stated his ground of appeal and after the President has stated his reason for the decision.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than twenty minutes, without special leave from the Conference, and he shall confine himself strictly to the subject under discussion; *provided*, however, that the chairman of a committee and the member presenting an original paper shall be entitled to make a second speech.

7. All motions or resolutions shall, at the request of any member, be divided when the sense will admit of it.

8. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, it shall be determined by the President which of them is entitled to the floor.

9. The appointment of all committees shall be by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

10. The number of which any committee shall be composed shall be

Report of Special Committee was read and adopted. (Report 1.)

On motion of Rev. T. B. Appleget, the Chair was instructed to appoint tellers, and the Conference proceeded at once to the election of permanent officers. Revs. W. M. Strayer, Maryland, and C. L. Whitaker, North Carolina, and Bro. Vincent Ferguson, Muskingum, were appointed tellers.

Moved to proceed to nominate officers. Amendment to lay on table, lost. Motion carried.

The following brethren were placed in nomination for President: J. W. Hering, Maryland; L. W. Bates, Maryland, and T. B. Appleget, New Jersey.

The ballot resulted as follows: J. W. Hering, 50; L. W. Bates, 29; T. B. Appleget, 7; F. T. Tagg, 2; E. J. Drinkhouse, 1; B. F. Duggan, 1; D. S. Stephens, 1; total, 91; necessary to choice, 46.

J. W. Hering was therefore declared elected, and at once introduced to the Conference by the Temporary President, Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse. Before taking the chair, Dr. Hering made a short, appropriate address.

The following brethren were placed in nomination for Secretary: J. F. Henkle, Ohio, (declined); L. D. Stultz, New Jersey, (declined); G. B. McElroy, Michigan; U. S. Fleming, West Virginia, (declined); J. F. Cowan, West Virginia; A. W. Robertson, Pittsburgh, (declined); Will A. Strickler, West Virginia, (declined).

The ballot resulted as follows:

L. D. Stulz, 2; G. B. McElroy, 11; U. S. Fleming, 2; J. F. Cowan, 55; Will Strickler, 7; A. W. Robertson, 15; total, 92; necessary to choice, 47.

J. F. Cowan, West Virginia, was declared elected.

On motion, Secretary Cowan was authorized to select his own assistants. Prof. U. S. Fleming and Rev. L. D. Stultz, the late Secretaries, were named. On motion, Conference proceeded to consider Rules of Order, of last session.

On motion, Rule 5 was amended, by inserting the words

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling roll.
2. Reading minutes of preceding session.
3. Receiving reports.
4. Receiving memorials and propositions.
5. Taking up reports.
6. Incidental business.

On motion, the bar of the Conference was fixed at the pew opposite the third window from the altar.

The list of committees was considered. On motion, the Committee on Ecumenical Conference was stricken from the list of committees named in the minutes of last Conference.

On motion, a committee of five on Young People's Societies was ordered added to the list of committees.

On motion, the Committee on Revision was enlarged to thirteen.

On motion, ordered that Committee on Communications, Sabbath, Temperance, Finance and Church Extension consist of five members each.

COMMITTEES.

Boundaries	7
Revision	13
Fraternal Relations	3
Judiciary	7
Sunday schools	5
Statistics	5
Publishing House	10
Education	10
Ministerial Education	10
Missions	10
Journals	5
Ritual	5
Course of Study	7
Young People's Societies	5
Communications	5
Sabbath	5
Church Extension	5
Finance	5
Temperance	5

On invitation of the President of Western Maryland College, a motion was made that when the Conference took a

determined by the Conference, the question being taken on the highest number first, and so on until the Conference shall determine the number.

11. Upon a call for the previous question, if made by five members and sustained by the Conference, the question shall be put without debate.

12. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, amend or postpone, which several motions have precedence in the order they stand arranged, and the first two shall be taken without debate, and a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

13. Every member within the bar shall vote on all questions submitted to the action of the Conference, unless excused for sufficient reason.

14. No personalities shall be allowed in debate, nor improper reflections upon any religious denominations.

15. All reports of committees, when read by their respective chairmen, shall be regarded as the property of the Conference, and subject to its action.

16. Any motion to reconsider shall be made by some member who voted with the majority, and shall require a majority of the members present to sustain it; nor shall a motion to reconsider be entertained, if made later than the second day after the original action is had, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of any subject under consideration. No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless a member requests it; but any member so called upon to explain shall have the right to decline any explanation.

18. The President shall administer the rules rigidly and impartially. He shall promptly suppress all unseemly demonstrations, such as stamping, clapping of hands and conversation, or other behavior which obstructs the business of the Conference.

19. Persons not members having business with the Conference shall present their business to the appropriate committees, who may, in their discretion, recommend that the persons applying be heard by the Conference, or the committee itself may bring the business, if deemed of sufficient importance, to the notice of the Conference.

20. No one shall be constituted an honorary member; but persons duly presented to the President by the Committee on Fraternal Relations, and by the President presented to the Conference, may be invited to a seat within the bar, and, by vote, may be permitted to address the Conference on any specified subject.

On motion, the 4th item of the Order of Business was amended to read "Memorials and propositions," and the Order of Business of last Conference was adopted.

Committee on Revision.

Ministerial.	Lay.
L. W. Bates,	W. W. McCaslin,
W. L. Wells,	H. M. Myers.
W. A. Bunch,	C. H. Smoot,
T. B. Appleget,	J. F. Fulton,
D. S. Stephens,	O. C. Clark,
Ruel Hanks,	J. F. Howe.
L. Dodds,	

Committee on Fraternal Relations.

W. H. Bently,	E. T. Molyneax.
J. O. A. Radford,	

Committee on Judiciary.

Jno. Scott,	Joshua Miles,
W. M. Strayer,	M. Yingling,
W. C. Miller,	Henry Baughn.
J. R. Ball,	

Committee on Sunday-schools.

A. H. Widney,	G. R. Swift,
J. F. Dyer,	Theo. Cocheu.
A. L. Stinard,	

Committee on Statistics.

D. A. Highfill,	J. B. McLucas,
E. M. Lockwood,	J. W. Hull.
J. G. Reed,	

Committee on Education.

G. B. McElroy,	J. M. Hadley,
W. S. Hammond,	J. D. Grant,
F. H. M. Henderson,	C. W. Henkle.
J. W. Thompson,	Dennis Smith,
A. L. McKeever,	H. H. Vick.

Committee on Ministerial Education.

B. F. Duggan,	G. B. Harris,
F. M. Hussey,	Daniel Baker,
J. A. Thrapp,	Warner Mills,
H. B. Cox,	Geo. W. Crandall,
A. M. Ravenscroft,	S. C. Gresley.

recess at 12 on Monday it should do so to meet in the afternoon at the college at 2 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned with the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. W. A. Bunch, President of the North Carolina Conference, preached in the Methodist Protestant Church in the evening, by appointment of the Committee on Pulpit Services.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday Morning, May 21, 1892.

Conference opened at 9 A. M. with President Hering in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. B. Appleget, of New Jersey.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

A further report of Special Committee on Roll of Conference was read and adopted. (Report 1.)

On motion, the order of business was suspended, to hear the announcement of Standing Committees.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

(FIRST NAMED IS CHAIRMAN)

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING HOUSES.

MINISTERIAL.	LAY.
T. B. Graham,	W. J. C. Dulany,
J. D. Kinzer,	W. K. Gillespie,
G. G. Westfall,	C. E. Crenshaw,
A. H. Widney,	U. S. Fleming,
F. A. Brown,	G S. Wills.

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

M. L. Jennings,	W. S. Wilson,
F. T. Little,	W. C. Whitaker,
C. A. Cecil,	Geo. W. Pogue.
J. L. Scarborough,	

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

MINISTERIAL.	LAY.
J. F. Henkle,	W. S. Hendricks,
B. Stout,	Warner Mills,
Thomas Aaron,	Jacob Miller.
Mrs. Eugenia F. St. John,	

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

J. F. Dyer,	J. F. Fulton,
J. D. Kinzer,	D. P Hollon.
J. M. Conway,	

COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES.

J. T. Murray,	Charles J. Yingling,
B. F Duggan,	J. L. Ogburn,
Jno. Scott,	W. A. Strickler.
T. B. Appleget,	

On motion, a Committee on Appeals was ordered. On motion, the appointment of this committee was postponed until a case required it.

By consent, the Conference returned to the order of business —propositions and memorials.

On motion, Conference suspended; a committee of seven was ordered on Certificates, as per Discipline. Under head of propositions and memorials, resumed, a paper offered by Rev. John Scott, Pittsburgh, on revision of Discipline was referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion, a paper offered by Rev. L. W. Bates, Maryland, on change of name of stewards to deacons was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion, a paper offered by Rev. L. W. Bates on ecclesiastical arbitration was referred to the Committee on Communications.

On motion, a paper from the Pittsburgh Conference relating to boundary between that Conference and the West Virginia was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference send to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session at Omaha, a telegram of Christian greeting.

DANIEL BAKER,
W. M. STRAYER.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Ministerial.	Lay.
T. H. Lewis,	C. J. Yingling,
D C. Coburn,	J. S. Hunter,
W. A. Bunch,	W. C. Coulbourne,
J. F. Henkle,	W. S. Hendricks,
George R. Brown,	Porter Maxwell.

Committee on Journals.

H. Stackhouse,	J. W. Murphy,
B. Stout,	W. R. Beard,
Samuel McClain,	Thomas McKee,
L. D. Stultz,	Mrs. A. E. Murphy,
J. A. Sartin,	S. P. Weaver.

Committee on Course of Study.

F. T. Tagg,	W. C. Hammer,
W. L. Wells,	Samuel Vannort,
D. C. Wees,	G. R. Swift.
D. S. Stephens,	

Committee on Rituals.

J T. Murray,	R. T. Pickens,
C. L. Whitaker,	M. Yingling.
O. V. W. Chandler,	

Committee on Communications

T. B. Appleget,	Miss M. M. Bonnett,
W. F. Kennett,	G. B. Hollifield.
S. H. Flood,	

Committee on Sabbath.

F. H. M. Henderson,	Daniel Baker,
E. J. Drinkhouse,	W. K. Gillespie.
D. S. Stephens,	

Committee on Temperance.

J. R. Ball,	T. J. Barnes,
W. M. Strayer,	S. S. Ewells.
J. J Bond,	

Committee on Finance.

D. G. Helmick,	G. B. Harris,
W. G. Veal,	Mrs. M. J. Morgan.
W. Huddleston,	

Rev. W. H. Bentley, Onondaga, Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Relations, introduced to the President the following brethren: Rev. W. R. Davis, Reformed Church, Brooklyn, New York; Rev. J. L. Walsh, Pastor M. E. Church, Westminster, Maryland; Rev. G. W. Cecil, M. E. Church; Rev. T. H. Colhouer, Missionary from Japan; Rev. P. H. Miller, Pastor Lutheran Church, Westminster, Maryland; Rev. J. T. Ward, President Westminster Theological Seminary; Rev. A. H. Tevis, Pastor People's Methodist Protestant Church, Kansas City, Kansas; Rev. R. S. Williamson, Maryland Conference Methodist Protestant Church; Prof. S. Simpson, Western Maryland College; Rev. J. A. Selby, Wellsville, Ohio, Methodist Protestant Church; Wm. McCracken, Jr., late publishing agent, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Capt. W. P. Herbert, member Pittsburgh Book Directory; Rev. A. J. Yoke, West Virginia Conference; Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Pastor New Brighton Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburgh Conference; Revs. S. B. Southerland and T. D. Valliant, Maryland Conference.

On motion, all Conferences organized since the last session were referred to the Committee on Boundaries, to determine their status.

The Committee on Pulpit Services reported as follows:

SUNDAY SERVICES.

WESTMINSTER M. P. CHURCH.—10.30 A. M., Jno. Scott; 7 P. M., L. D., Stultz.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH.—10.30 A. M., T. B. Graham; 7.30 P. M., H. Stackhouse.

AFTERNOON CHILDREN'S MEETING.—Revs. G. G. Westfall and W. H. Bentley.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH.—10.30 A. M., A. H. Widney; 7.30 P. M., J. R. Ball.

CENTENARY M. E. CHURCH.—10.30 A. M., A. L. McKeever; 7.30 P. M., F. A. Brown.

UNION M. E. CHURCH (Colored.)—10.30 A. M., J. L. Scarborough; 7.30 P. M., C. L. Whitaker.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE Y. M. C. A. 4.45 P. M., C. W. Stephenson and A. L. Reynolds.

A resolution providing that night sessions be devoted to general interests was referred to the Committee on Pulpit Services, with recommendations.

A paper on boundaries of South Illinois Conference was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

A memorial from Pittsburgh Conference Christian Endeavor Union was referred to Committee on Young People's Societies.

A paper referring to boundaries of North and South Illinois Conferences was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

A paper on educating ministerial students in La Harpe Seminary was referred to Committee on Ministerial Education.

A paper on establishing a western publishing house was referred to Committee on Publishing Houses.

A paper referring to Mt. Morris (Pennsylvania) Church, was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

On motion, a resolution inviting Rev. J. T. Ward to address the Conference on the subject of "The Young People of the Church," at 2 P. M., Wednesday, was adopted and referred to Committee on Pulpit Services. On motion, Rev. G. B. McElroy's name was added.

A paper from the West Virginia delegates was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Certificates: Revs. J. T. Murray, Maryland; B. F. Duggan, Tennessee; Jno. Scott, Pittsburgh; T. B. Appleget, New Jersey; Bros. Chas. J. Yingling, Muskingum; J. L. Ogburn, North Carolina, and W. A. Strickler, West Virginia.

The Special Committee on Roll of Conference made an additional report, which was adopted. (Report 1.)

Rev T. B. Appleget asked for information as to the right of the committee to inquire into the status of delegates already enrolled.

The Chair decided that the General Conference is the judge of the qualifications and status of all upon its roll, and that it receives its information through its committees.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The chairman of Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced Revs. J. M. Gill and J. W. Charlton, of Maryland.

On motion, the President was directed to refer all papers, unless the Conference desired otherwise.

Masters Willard Melvin, Westminster, Maryland; J. D. Grant, Jr., Accomac, Virginia, and Ezra Hollon, Texas, were appointed pages for the Conference.

Committee on Communications reported.

The last two items were referred to Committee on Ministerial Education and Statistics, respectively.

Rev. J. J. Murray, Maryland, and Prof. Whaley, of Westminster Theological Seminary, were presented to the Conference.

Rev. J. T. Murray read a report of the Committee on Ecumenical Council, appointed by the last General Conference, with a recommendation to refund excess of collections.

Moved to amend, by appropriating the money to General Conference expenses. On motion, the amendment was laid on the table, and the motion prevailed, adopting the report with the recommendation. (Report 2.)

The chairman of Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following brethren: Revs. G. W. Cooper and C. D. Smith, Baltimore Conference M. E. Church.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, to hear the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. The report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

By consent, the order of business was suspended, to return to propositions and memorials. Papers by G. G. Westfall, Pittsburgh, were referred to Committee on Revision.

A paper referring to Oregon Conference was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

A communication from Rev. J. W. Skinner, Arkansas, was referred to Committee on Communications.

The Committee on Pulpit Services reported, announcing

Y. P. S. C. E., METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.—6.30 P. M. J. F. Cowan.

EXPERIENCE MEETING, M. P. CHURCH.—9.30 A. M., E. M. Lockwood.

On motion, a recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference resumed business at 3 P. M., President Hering in the chair.

A paper from the Nebraska Conference on overture of General Conference relating to licensing women to preach was referred to Committee on Journals, with instructions to examine all journals on this point.

On motion, the Committee on Pulpit Services was authorized to invite any persons whom they thought fit to address the public meetings of the Conference.

A report of the Special Committee on Roll of Conference recommended the seating of J. M. Hadley, alternate, from North Carolina, instead of G. W. Holmes. Adopted.

A paper from Rev. M. L. Jennings, Muskingum, was referred to Committee on Revision.

The Committee on Pulpit Services reported, recommending that when the Conference adjourned on Monday morning it adjourn to meet at 7.30 P. M., to receive the report of the Committee on Young People's Societies. Adopted.

On motion, the name of Committee on Church Extension was changed to that of Home Missions.

On motion, the list of committees was ordered printed for the convenience of the Conference.

On motion, the name of the Committee on Missions was changed to that of Foreign Missions.

Adjourned, on motion, with the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Monday Morning, May 23, 1892.

The Conference was called to order by the President. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. A. H. Widney.

lina, Yadkin College; Rev. A. H. Widney, North Illinois, La Harpe Seminary; Prof. G. S. Wills, North Carolina, Oak Ridge Institute; Revs. D. S. Stephens, Ohio, and A. H. Tevis, Kansas, the prospective Kansas City University; Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, Georgia, the proposed Lipscomb College, and Rev. W. G. Veal, Central Texas, a proposed college in Texas. Refreshments were served by the college friends and further entertainment offered by the ladies, calisthenic exercises and the songs of the glee club. The Theological Seminary was visited. A vote of thanks to the college was taken.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 7.30 by the President, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. O. V. W. Chandler, of Seattle, Washington.

A communication from the Church at Paris, Illinois, was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

The printed minutes of Georgia Conference, (colored) were referred to the Committee on Journals.

The Committee on Young People's Societies reported.

It was moved to adopt the report, followed by a motion to adopt *seriatim.* Motion pending was laid on the table until the speakers appointed for the evening, (Revs. Reynolds and Cowan) should be heard.

Rev. J. F. Cowan first addressed the Conference upon the nature and workings of the Christian Endeavor Societies. He was followed by Rev. A. L. Reynolds upon "An Organ for the Societies."

On motion, adjourned with benediction by Rev. L. D. Stultz, of New Jersey.

FOURTH DAY.

Tuesday Morning, May 24, 1892.

Conference was opened by the Presidont. Rev. W. S. Hammond, Maryland, conducted devotional exercises.

Revs. A. L. Reynolds and J. F. Cowan as the speakers of the evening.

A communication from Ex-Governor Pierpont, West Virginia, was referred to Committee on Home Missions.

The Special Committee on Roll of Conference made partial report on the case of Bro. C. M. Gibbs and W. W. McCaslin, Indiana, and Rev. O. Lowther, West Virginia.

On motion, the part of the report referring to Rev. O. Lowther, was adopted. (Report 1.)

On motion, the part of the report recommending the seating of C. M. Gibbs was recommitted. (Report 1.)

The Committee on Certificates made a report on cases of women delegates.

A motion was made to recommit, with instructions to cite the law.

A point of order was raised by Bro. Joshua Miles, Maryland, that a motion to recommit with instructions did not have precedence over a motion to receive. The Chair sustained the point.

On motion, the time was extended at the pleasure of the Conference.

On motion, the report was received, and the hour of 10.30 A. M. Tuesday set for its consideration.

A minority report of the Committee on Certificates was made. On motion, the report was received and ordered considered in connection with the majority report.

On motion, Conference took a recess to go to the College at 2 P. M., and meet in session at 7.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the members of the Conference assembled in the gallery of the college gymnasium, where they were entertained by the students in athletic feats. After an inspection of the buildings, a series of five-minute speeches were listened to in the chapel. Rev. J. T. Ward represented Westminster Theological Seminary; Rev. G. B. McElroy, Michigan, Adrian College; Mr. R. T. Pickens, North Caro-

the report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was taken up.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was amended to make the name read "Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor of the Methodist Protestant Church." Adopted as amended.

Item 4 was adopted. Item 5 was amended by adding that the Annual Conferences be directed to furnish blanks for statistical reports, in accordance with form to be furnished by General Conference, and inserted in the Discipline. Adopted as amended. (Report 4.)

A motion to strike out item 6 was pending when the order of the day, the report of the Committee on Certificates, arrived.

The majority and minority reports were read, and a motion was made to adopt the minority report.

Rev. J. T. Murray, Maryland, addressed the Conference to the limit of his time. A motion to extend the time was lost.

Rev. T. B. Appleget, New Jersey, next spoke.

Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse offered a resolution as a substitute for the report.

Rev. L. W. Bates, Maryland, spoke to the paper. Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse followed.

Rev. Jno. Scott, Pittsburgh, spoke to the motion to substitute the paper, followed by Revs. G. G. Westfall, E. M. Lockwood and others.

On motion, Conference took a recess on time, the question of the adoption of Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse's substitute pending.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference resumed business at 2 P. M.

Rev. A. W. Robertson, Pittsburgh, read a paper to the question before the house at dismission, and Rev. T. H. Lewis, Maryland, followed.

The roll was called and minutes read and approved.

Under the order of receiving reports, the report of the Committee on Communications was received.

The report of the Board of Publication was presented and referred to the Committee on Publishing Houses.

The report of the Committee on Revision of Articles of Religion, appointed by the last General Conference, was presented. On motion, a Special Committee was ordered to consider their report.

Under the order of propositions and memorials a communication from Trinity Church, Brooklyn, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A memorial from Elizabeth, New Jersey, was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

A communication from Gilboa Circuit, Ohio, was referred to Committee on Revision.

A communication from South Illinois Conference, referred to Committee on Boundaries.

A paper from Rev. Jno. Scott, Pittsburgh, referred to Committee on Revision.

A paper from Bro. D. P. Hollen, Central Texas, referred to Committee on Ritual.

A paper from Rev. E. M. Lockwood, Virginia, referred to Committee on Revision and Boundaries.

A paper from Rev. J. T. Murray, Maryland, was referred to Committee on Revision.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations presented to the Conference Rev. C. W. McAllister, Rev. W. R. Graham, Rev. J. L. Mills, Maryland Conference; Rev. J. H. Robinson, New York Conference; M. C. Weedon, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Methodist Protestant Church; Revs. M. E. and J. E. Grant, New Jersey Conference; Revs. Dorsey Blake, J. E. S. Ewells, S. D. Melvin, F. K. Lewis, W. M. Poisal, Wm. Dale, J. F. Worden, Maryland Conference, and J. J. Smith, New York.

Under the order of consideration of reports, on motion,

Rev. B. F. Duggan, Tennessee, next spoke, followed by Rev. J. A. Thrapp, Muskingum; Rev. C. W. Stephenson, Michigan; R. T. Pickens, North Carolina; Rev. W. C. Miller, Nebraska; Rev. Hugh Stackhouse, Indiana.

On information of Rev. B. Stout, West Virginia, concerning the precarious condition of Rev. M. L. Barnett, of West Virginia, the President and Secretary were ordered to send a message of sympathy.

Adjourned, on motion, with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday Morning, May 25, 1892.

Conference opened by President. Rev. Ruel Hanks, of New York, led devotional exercises.

Calling of roll was suspended, on motion, and the minutes were read and approved.

Under the first order of business, a partial report of Committee on Boundaries was received.

The report of committee appointed to adjust matters between the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences was received.

Under the second order of business, a communication from the Census Bureau was referred to Committee on Statistics.

A paper from Rev. L. W. Bates, Maryland, was referred to Committee on Missions, and one from the Maryland Conference relating to consolidation of Mission Boards to a Special Committee of Three.

Under taking up reports, the report of the Committee on Kansas City University, appointed by last General Conference, was received and referred to Committee on Education.

On motion, ordered that the Conference hold an evening session, to begin at 7.30 P. M.

A communication relating to closing the World's Fair was referred to Committee on Sabbath.

By consent, the order of business was suspended, to allow the introduction of visiting brethren and fraternal messengers. The following were introduced: Revs. G. L. Faring, D. W. Bates, J. S. Bowers, S. R. Murray, Q. L. Morrow, J. E. Maloy, of the Maryland Conference, and Rev. T. O. Crouse, of the Maryland Conference and Pastor of Chatsworth Independent Methodist Church. W. R. Barry, President of the Maryland Association of Independent Methodist Churches, was introduced, and spoke a few words of greeting in behalf of his body. Rev. I. Baltzell, Fraternal Messenger of the United Brethren Church, was introduced, and made an address, concluding by requesting fraternal delegates to the next General Conference of the United Brethren Church, May, 1893. The President replied to these greetings.

Resuming the question, Bro. Miles, of Maryland, was recognized by the Chair, but yielded the floor to Rev. S. H. Flood, of Indiana, after whose address Bro. Miles took the floor. Bro. W. S. Hendricks, of Kansas, and W. A. Strickler, of West Virginia, spoke. Daniel Baker, of Maryland, spoke briefly, and asked to yield the remainder of his time to Mrs. Eugenia St. John. The Chair declined to grant the request, because she was entitled to time as a member of the Conference. It was moved to give her this time. The Chair ruled the motion out of order. It was then moved to extend Mrs. St. John's time without limit. Carried by a rising vote.

Rev. W. H. Bently, of Onondaga, next spoke. Rev. Mrs. Eugenia St. John, of Kansas, was then recognized by the Chair and spoke to the motion.

On motion, Conference took a recess until 8 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference resumed, with the President in the Chair.

Bro. Theodore Cocheu, of New York, was recognized by the Chair on the resolution pending—the substitution of Rev. Drinkhouse's paper for the minority report of Committee on Certificates.

VOTE ON THE ADMISSION OF THE WOMEN.

ALABAMA.

MINISTERS.		LAYMEN.	
Geo. R. Brown	aye,	C. E. Crenshaw . . .	no.
J. T. Howell	no.		

ARKANSAS.

H B. Cox	aye,
J. J. Bond	aye.

COLORADA (TEXAS.)

Thomas Aaron	aye.

CENTRAL TEXAS

W. G. Veal	no.

GENESEE.

A. L. Stinard	aye.	H. H. Vick	aye.

GEORGIA.

F. H. M. Henderson . .	aye,
J. O. A. Radford	aye.

INDIANA.

H. Stackhouse	aye,	O. C. Clark	aye,
S. H. Flood	aye,	W. W. McCaslin . . .	no,
F. M. Hussey	aye,	Mrs. M. J. Morgan . .	aye,
W. H. Fisher	aye.	W. R. Beard	aye.

IOWA.

W. Huddleston . . .	aye.	Mrs. A. E. Murphy . .	aye.
		J. W. Murphy	aye.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Eugenia St. John .	aye.	W. S. Hendricks . . .	aye.

LOUISIANA.

Jas. P. Patton	no.

MISSISSIPPI.

J. L. Scarborough . . .	aye

MISSOURI.

J. A. Sartin	aye.	J. F. Howe	no.

Communications from Arkansas, (colored) and Pittsburgh Conferences were referred to Committee on Journals.

A paper from Revs. T. H. Lewis and F. T. Little, Maryland, was referred to Committee on Revision.

A communication from the Onondaga Conference was referred to Special Committee on Articles of Religion.

A communication from Maryland Conference was referred, by motion, to the Committee on Ritual.

On motion, the question of consolidating the mission boards of the Church was made the order for the evening session, at 7.30 o'clock.

Under the taking up of reports, Rev. L. W. Bates, Maryland, asked consent of the Conference that Revs. J. T. Murray, Maryland, and T. B. Appleget, New Jersey, framers of the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Certificates, be allowed each a final speech, after which the discussion be closed. Objection was made.

Rev. A. H. Widney, North Illinois, then spoke to the question pending.

Rev. Jno. Scott, Pittsburgh, moved to lay on the table the resolution of Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, Maryland, offered as a substitute for report of Committee on Certificates. The mover of the resolution asked to withdraw. Objected. The motion to lay on the table was lost by 44 to 67.

On motion, the withdrawal of the paper was permitted.

Bro. J. W. Miles, of Maryland, offered a paper as a substitute to the minority report.

On motion, it was laid on the table.

Rev. O. Lowther, West Virginia, next secured the floor. Rev. F. M. Hussey, Indiana, moved the previous question and was sustained by the requisite number. A motion to take a vote on the final question was carried.

Rev. J. T. Murray, Maryland, called for a vote by yeas and nays. Sustained.

Rev. J. D. Kinzer, Maryland, called for a vote by orders. Sustained.

The roll was called, and the members voted as follows:

OHIO.

MINISTERS.		LAYMEN.	
T B. Graham	aye,	S. P. Weaver	aye,
D S. Stephens	aye,	Henry Baughn	no,
A. M. Ravenscroft	no,	S. C. Gressly	aye,
J. F. Henkle	no.	C. W. Henkle	aye.

ONONDAGA.

W. H. Bentley	aye.	Geo. W. Crandall	aye

OREGON.

O. V. W. Chandler	aye.

PITTSBURGH.

John Scott	no,	W. K. Gillespie	aye,
G. G. Westfall	aye,	H. M. Myers	no,
A. W. Robertson	no,	Geo. W. Pogue	aye,
J. F. Dyer	aye.	Dennis Smith	no.

PENNSYLVANIA

Samuel McClain	aye.	E. T. Molyneax	aye.

SOUTH ILLINOIS.

J. G. Reed	aye.

TEXAS.

T. L. Garrison	no.	D. P. Hollon	aye.

TENNESSEE.

B. F. Duggan	no.

VIRGINIA.

E. M. Lockwood	aye.

WEST MICHIGAN.

L. Dodds	no.	Thos. McKee	no.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Oliver Lowther	no,	C. H. Smoot	aye,
B. Stout	aye,	W. A. Strickler	aye,
D. G. Helmick	aye,	U. S. Fleming	aye,
A. L. McKeever	no,	Porter Maxwell	aye,
J. F. Cowan	aye,	Miss M. M. Bonnett	aye,
D. C. Wees	aye,	J. W. Hull	aye.
J. M. Conway	aye,		
R. C. Dean	aye.		

MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.		LAYMEN.	
L. W. Bates	no,	J. W. Hering	no,
J. D. Kinzer	no,	W. J. C. Dulany	no,
T. H. Lewis	no,	Daniel Baker	aye,
F. T. Tagg	aye,	J. D. Grant	aye,
W. M. Strayer	aye,	W. C. Coulbourne	no,
W. S. Hammond	no,	Joshua Miles	no,
F. T. Little	no,	Samuel Vannort	no,
J. T. Murray	no,	S. S. Ewells	no.
E. J. Drinkhouse	aye.		

MICHIGAN.

G. B. McElroy	no,	A A. Rust	aye,
C. W. Stephenson	aye.	Roscoe Swift	aye.

MUSKINGUM.

M. L. Jennings	no,	M. Yingling	aye,
J. A. Thrapp	aye,	Warner Mills	aye,
D. C. Coburn	aye,	J. B. McLucas	aye,
F. A. Brown	no,	Vincent Ferguson	aye,
W. L. Wells	no,	T. J. Barnes	aye,
J. W. Thompson	no.	C. J. Yingling	aye.

NORTH MISSOURI.

W. S. Miller . . . . . aye.

NEW YORK.

Reuel Hanks . . . . . aye. Theo. Cocheu . . . . aye,

NEBRASKA.

W. C. Miller . . . . . aye.

NORTH ILLINOIS.

A. H. Widney . . . . . aye, W. S. Wilson . . . . aye.

NORTH CAROLINA.

W. A. Bunch	no,	J. L. Ogburn	no,
D. A. Highfill	no,	W. C. Whitaker	no,
C. L. Whitaker	no,	R. T. Pickens	no,
J. R. Ball	no,	J. M. Hadley	no,
C. A. Cecil	no.	W. C. Hammer	no,
		G. S. Wills	no,
		G. B. Harris	no.

NEW JERSEY.

T. B. Appleget	aye,	J. F. Fulton	aye.
L. D. Stultz	aye.		

On motion, the order of business was suspended, to take up the item in report of Committee on Boundaries, referring to Elizabeth (New Jersey) Church.

A motion was made to adopt. A motion was made to hear Bro. Weeden, the bearer of a memorial from Elizabeth. He asked for time to send for the memorial. A motion prevailed to postpone until the paper could be secured.

The interval was spent in making announcements, &c.

On the arrival of the memorial, it was read as a part of the brother's remarks.

On motion, adjourned with the benediction.

SIXTH DAY.

Thursday Morning, May 26, 1892.

The President called the Conference to order. Rev. J. L. Scarborough, Mississippi, led devotional exercises.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with and the minutes were read and approved.

By consent, the Committee on Boundaries was allowed to withdraw its report.

Under the order of filing reports, the reports of the Committee on Rituals were received.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Revision was received without reading.

On motion, the reading of reports was dispensed with, and they were ordered received without reading, unless otherwise desired by the Conference.

Under the next order, a memorial presented by Rev. Samuel McClain and Bro. E. T. Molyneax, Pennsylvania, was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, was allowed to present a report. Referred to the Committee on Ministerial Education.

The ministerial vote was as follows: aye, 42; no, 28. The lay vote was as follows: aye, 33; no, 20.

The minority report was declared adopted. (Report 3.)

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference resumed at 2 P. M.

Under the first order of business, the report of Judiciary Committee was received.

The Chair announced the Special Committee on Consolidation of Mission Boards: Revs. O. V. W. Chandler, Muskingum; W. M. Strayer, Maryland, and Bro. W. K. Gillespie, Pittsburgh.

The chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations presented Rev. H. H. George, General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, who was invited to make some remarks. The chairman then introduced Revs. C. F. Swift and B. W. Anthony, Pittsburgh Conference, and Rev. J. C. Berrian, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

The order of the day, the addresses of Revs. J. T. Ward, Maryland, and G. B. McElroy, Michigan, was entered upon. After Rev. J. T. Ward had spoken, a vote of thanks was given him. Rev. G. B. McElroy was absent, and it was stated that he had declined speaking. Conference took a recess on motion at 3.15 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference was opened by the President. Rev. W. C. Miller, of Nebraska, led devotional exercises.

Under the first order of business, the report of Special Committee on Consolidation of Mission Boards was received.

A motion was made to adopt. A motion to lay on the table was lost.

After some discussion, the previous question was called and sustained. The motion to adopt was put and carried. (Report 5.)

A paper from Rev. G. G. Westfall Pittsburgh, was referred to Judiciary Committee.

The Chair made the following appointments: Mrs. Eugenia St. John, Kansas, Committee on Home Missions; Miss M. M. Bonnett West Virginia, Committee on Communications; Mrs. E. A. Murphy, Iowa, Committee on Journals; Mrs. M. J. Morgan, Indiana, Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Committee on Young People's Societies was allowed to withdraw its report.

The Chair appointed the following Special Committee on Articles of Faith: F. A. Brown, J. R. Ball, G. R. Swift.

Under the order of taking up reports, the report of the Special Committee on the Difference Between the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences was taken up. The report of the arbitration was objected to by the representatives from New York, on the ground that new evidence had been secured which might alter the case. A Special Committee of three was ordered. On motion, it was decided to take up papers in the order in which they were presented, except otherwise ordered by the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Communications, ordering a Special Committee of five to arrange for the meetings of the Annual Conferences was taken up. A motion was made to adopt. A motion to lay on the table was lost. Rev. D. S. Stephens offered a substitute:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider the matter of devising a plan by which all of the Annual Conferences may have representatives of the general interests present at each of their sessions.

A motion to recommit with the substitute was withdrawn. The substitute was adopted.

Bro. J. D. Grant, Maryland, asked permanent leave of absence. On motion, not granted. On motion, the vote was reconsidered. On motion, Bro. J. D. Grant was excused.

The Chair appointed a Special Committee on New York and Pennsylvania case: A. W. Robertson, F. H. M. Henderson, R. T. Pickens.

Conference took a recess until 2 P. M.

By consent, Mrs. F. A. Brown, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was invited to read her report. Referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

A paper from Theo. Cocheu, New York, was referred to Committee on Communications.

The chairman of Committee on Fraternal Relations presented the following: Rev. J. R. Botts, Pennsylvania Conference; Revs. J. T. Lassell, A. D. Dick, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. A. Weigand, C. S. Arnett, J. K. Nichols, A. H. Green, W. P. Judefind, T. A. Bennett, L. R. Randall, R. K. Lewis, B. A. Dumm, S. J. Smith, H. C. Cushing, G. W. Haddaway, R. S. Morris, J. W. Norris, of the Maryland Conference, and Mrs. Rev. F. A. Brown, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Papers from Rev. W. G. Veal, Central Texas, were referred to Committee on Boundaries.

A paper from Revs. F. T. Little, Maryland, and D. S. Stephens, Ohio, referring to incorporation of General Conference, was, on motion, referred to Judiciary Committee.

A communication relating to changes in the constitution was referred to Committee on Revision.

The report of the Committee on Articles of Religion was referred to a Special Committee on Articles of Faith.

A communication relating to report of Ecumenical Council was referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A paper from Bro. W. S. Hendricks, Kansas, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

A paper from Rev. W. L. Wells, Muskingum, and others, relating to a college in Ohio, was referred to Committee on Education.

A paper from Rev. D. A. Highfill, North Carolina, relating to a new hymn book, was referred to Committee on Publishing Houses.

A paper from Rev. D. C. Wees, West Virginia, and others was referred to Committee on Revision.

A paper from Bro. R. T. Pickens, North Carolina, was referred to the Committee on Revision.

Moved to adopt. Bro. Theo. Cocheu, New York, offered a paper as a substitute.

By consent, Conference temporarily suspended the order.

The Pulpit Committee reported as follows: For this evening, Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Colhouer.

SUNDAY SERVICES, MAY 29, 1892.

WESTMINSTER M. P. CHURCH.—10.30 A. M., Rev. D. S. Stephens; 7.30 P. M., Rev. A. H. Tevis.

CENTENARY M. E. CHURCH.—10.30 A. M., Rev. M. L. Jennings; 7.30 P. M., J. A. Thrapp.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH.—10.30 A. M., Rev. W. G. Veal; 7.30 P. M., Rev. E. M Lockwood.

ST PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH.—7.30 P. M., Rev. J. T. Howell.

UNION M. E. CHURCH.—10.30 A. M., Rev. J. L. Scarborough; 7.30 P. M., Rev. W. C. Miller.

AUDITORIUM OF THE COLLEGE.—3 P. M., Young People's Meeting, Revs. J. F. Dyer, J. F. Swift and J. F. Cowan.

The Chair announced a Special Committee on Arranging Plan of Annual Conference Sessions: J. A. Thrapp, Oliver Lowther, W. G. Veal, G. S. Wills, H. M. Myers.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, to hear Rev. J. H. Robinson, Paterson, New Jersey, speak in reference to the Primitive Methodists.

Resuming, on motion, the substitute for item 2 of the Judiciary Committee's report was rejected.

On motion, the item was so amended as to be referred back to the New York Annual Conference. On motion, adopted as amended.

On motion, the order of business was suspended.

Moved that Conference suspend business May 30, Memorial Day. Moved, as a substitute, that when the Conference adjourn on Saturday night, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The previous question was called for and sustained. On motion, the final question was put. On a rising vote, the substitute carried by a vote of 59 to 33.

On motion, Conference took a recess until 7.30 P. M., to consider, upon re-assembling, the report of Board of Foreign Missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference resumed business at 2 o'clock.

Under receiving reports, the Judiciary Committee reported on two items referred to it. The report was received.

Under the order of taking up reports, the report of the Committee on Communications was taken up. On motion, the item referring to international arbitration was adopted. (Report 7.)

On motion, two delegates were ordered elected, in accordance with the report.

Revs. L. W. Bates, Maryland; W. G. Veal, Central Texas; G. B. McElroy, Michigan, and Bros. W. K. Gillespie and M. H. Holt, North Carolina, were nominated.

The Chair appointed Rev. J. T. Howell, Alabama, and Bro. W. C. Whitaker, North Carolina, as tellers. The ballot was cast and the tellers retired to count.

Item 2 of the report, relating to Church and State, was adopted. (Report 7.)

The Judiciary Committee's report was taken up. Moved to amend the item referring to change of stewards to deacons by striking out word "not." A call for the previous question was made and sustained. The final question was put and the amendment lost. On motion, the item was adopted. (Report 8.)

The tellers reported on the election of delegates to the Conference of International Arbitration: L. W. Bates, 52 votes; W. G. Veal, 4; G. B. McElroy, 30; W. K. Gillespie, 55; M. H. Holt, 26; C. W. Button, 1; Ralph Collier; 1; N. H. Hoag, 1.

Rev. L. W. Bates, Maryland, and Bro. W. K. Gillespie, Pittsburgh, having received a majority of the ballots cast, were declared elected.

On motion, Rev. G. B. McElroy, Michigan, and M. H. Holt, North Carolina, were declared alternates.

Item 2 of Judiciary Committee's report, relating to Trinity Church, Brooklyn, and Bedford Avenue Tabernacle, was taken up.

detained the brother from Conference. A motion was made to express the condolence of the Conference, through the Secretary.

The Committee on Certificates reported that Bro. Gibbs, Indiana, had returned home, and recommended that W. W. McCaslin, Indiana, the other contestant, be seated. Adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

By consent, the Committee on Foreign Missions was allowed to withdraw its report.

On motion, under receiving reports, the report of the Committee on Articles of Faith was read.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath was received.

The report of Judiciary Committee on changing stewards to deacons was received.

The report of Committee on Course of Study was read, by motion.

The report of Committee on Ritual was received.

Under the head of memorials and propositions, a petition from Rev. J. H. Robinson, Paterson, New Jersey, was received and referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion, a communication from a member of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church was referred to Committee on Communications.

On motion, an invitation from Burns Post, G. A. R., to participate in Memorial Day services, was accepted.

A resolution instructing the Committee on Publishing Discipline to insert pastor's record was, on motion, referred to Committee on Publishing Houses.

A paper from Revs. John Scott, Pittsburgh, and G. B. McElroy, Michigan, on Methodist Union, was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A telegram of greetings was ordered sent to the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly, Nashville.

A paper from Rev. W. G. Veal, Central Texas, was referred to the Committee on Education.

A paper from Revs. J. T. Howell, Alabama, and B. F. Duggan, Tennessee, was referred to Committee on Ritual.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference resumed at 7.30 o'clock, with President Hering in the chair. Rev. J. T. Howell, Alabama, led devotional exercises.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was taken up. Moved to adopt.

On invitation of the Pulpit Committee, Rev. T. H. Colhouer, Missionary from Japan, was introduced as one of the speakers. Mrs. Colhouer was next introduced. By consent, the further discussion was deferred until after the regular order to-morrow.

On motion, a collection was taken, to be equally divided between the Foreign Board and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Amount collected, $43.46.

By consent, the Secretary was asked to include in minutes a list of post office addresses of members of Conference.

Moved that after to-night speeches be limited to five minutes, except chairmen of committees. Moved to amend by striking out the exception. Moved to lay the amendment on the table. Carried. Moved to amend by taking out five minutes and inserting ten. Moved to lay the amendment on the table. Carried. The previous question was called for and sustained. The main question was put and carried.

On motion, adjourned with the benediction.

SEVENTH DAY.

Friday Morning, May 27, 1892.

Conference was opened by Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, Maryland, in the temporary absence of President Hering. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. A. L. McKeever, West Virginia.

The roll was called. At the name of Rev. J. T. Ogburn, North Carolina, Rev. J. T. Murray, Maryland, informed the Conference of the death of the child whose sickness had

striking out the name of Mrs. W. K. Gillespie and substituting that of Mrs. T. H. Colhouer. Adopted as amended. Item 10 was adopted. Item 11 adopted. Item 12 adopted. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (Report 9.)

On motion, the Board of Foreign Missions was made a committee to prepare and plan for organizing a Conference in Japan.

Moved that 2 o'clock Saturday be the order of the day for the election of editors, secretaries, agents and boards. Moved to amend by changing the time to Tuesday. The previous question was called for and sustained, but the motion to put the main question was lost. The previous question was again called for and sustained. The final question was put and the amendment lost. On motion, amended to 10 o'clock on Saturday. Carried as amended.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, to hear the report of the Committee on Boundaries on the case of the Colored Mission Conference in Alabama. On motion, that item of the report was adopted.

On motion, the messenger of the Alabama Colored Mission Conference was asked to speak of the work in his district.

By consent, item 3 of report of the Committee on Certificates was read. The item was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Rituals was taken up for adoption, item by item. Item 1, adopted. Item 2, adopted. Item 3, adopted. Item 4, by consent "shall" was changed to "may." On motion, the word "ordinance" was substituted for "sacrament." On motion, the words "and serious" were stricken out. The item was adopted as amended. Item 5, after discussion the previous question was called and sustained. The main question was put and the item adopted by a vote of 56 to 45. Item 6, on motion, adopted. Item 7, adopted. Moved to strike out the word "obey" from the marriage ceremony, in item 8. Carried by a vote of 55 to 26. Moved to strike out the vow of endowment taken from the Episcopal service. Lost. Item 8, adopted as amended. Item

The report of Committee on Foreign Missions was taken up, and Corresponding Secretary Tagg recognized by the Chair.

By consent, the time was extended for the remarks of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

On motion, the report was considered *seriatim.*

On motion, item 1 of the report was amended by striking out the name of Rev. T. J. Shepherd, Kansas, as a member of the Board of Missions, and inserting that of Rev. T. H. Lewis, Maryland.

Moved to amend by striking out the name of Rev. T. J. Ogburn, North Carolina, and inserting that of Rev. T. H. Colhouer, Pittsburgh. Moved to amend by substituting the name of Rev. T. H. Colhouer. On motion, laid on the table. The previous question called for and sustained. The main question was put and lost.

Moved to strike out the name of Bro. F. F. Brierly, Pittsburg, and substitute that of Rev. T. H. Colhouer. Laid on the table. The item of the report was then adopted. A motion was made to strike out item 2. The previous question was called for and sustained. The item was stricken out. On motion, item 3 was adopted. The previous question was called for on item 4 and sustained. The item was adopted. On motion, the time was extended until the report could be completed. On motion, item 5 was amended by adding a vote of thanks to Rev. G. B. McElroy for his services as treasurer. Item 6 was adopted. Item 7 was adopted. On motion, item 8 was amended by striking out all preceding the words "resolved that." Adopted as amended.

On motion, Conference took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference resumed business, President Hering again in the chair, taking up the Foreign Missionary report— tem 9.

On motion of W. K. Gillespie, the item was amended by

Rev. W. M. Strayer, Maryland, next spoke. By consent, Rev. W. G. Veal, Central Texas, spoke to the question, proposing to be one of two hundred to give $100 each for Home Missions. Others responded.

On motion, a collection was ordered by the Conference. The amount received was $22.11.

On motion, adjourned with the benediction.

EIGHTH DAY.

Saturday Morning, May 28, 1892.

Conference was opened with President Hering in the chair.

Roll call was dispensed with. Minutes were read and adopted.

A report of the Special Committee on Plan of Conference Sessions was received.

The report of Committee on Dispute Between New York and Pennsylvania Conferences was read, under suspension of rules, and adopted. (Report 6.)

A paper offered by Rev. F. T. Little, Maryland, on Catechism on Discipline, was, on motion, referred to Special Committee.

A resolution from Rev. Jno. Scott, Pittsburgh, on overture on woman's ordination and eligibility to a seat in the General Conference, was offered. A resolution from Rev. T. B. Appleget, New Jersey, was offered as a substitute. On motion, the papers were made the order of the day at 11.30 A. M.

A paper from Revs. J. F. Dyer, Pittsburgh, and J. R. Ball, North Carolina, was referred to Committee on Revision.

A paper from Rev. D. S. Stephens, Ohio, was referred to Committee on Communications.

By consent, item 13 of the report of Committee on Publishing Houses, recommending names for members of the Book Directories, was taken up out of regular order.

9, adopted. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (Report 10.)

By consent, the chairman of the committee was allowed to introduce an item, which was referred to the Committee on Publishing Houses. (Report 10, item 10.)

An item reported from the Committee on Ministerial Education was referred to the Committee on Home Missions. (Report 11, item 1.)

Moved to reconsider the action of yesterday, that when the Conference adjourn on Saturday it do so to meet on Tuesday morning. Carried by 50 to 34. On motion, the motion to adjourn from Saturday night until Sunday morning was laid on the table. On motion, all members of the Conference who wished to go to Gettysburg were excused.

The chairman of Committee on Pulpit Services reported that there would be an organ recital, by Prof. Rinehart, from 7.30 to 8 P. M., after which there would be a meeting in the interests of Home Missions, to be addressed by Corresponding Secretary Stout, Revs. D. S. Stephens, W. M. Strayer and Mrs. Eugenia St. John.

On motion, the Statistical Committee was instructed to allow the Committee on Publishing Minutes to avail itself of the data collected by Bro. Tagg to complete its report.

On motion, Conference took a recess until 8 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

After an organ recital by Prof. T. F. Rinehart, Western Maryland College, and a song by Roscoe G. Swift, Adrian, Michigan, Conference resumed business, under the order of taking up reports.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was taken up. On motion to adopt, Rev. Benjamin Stout, West Virginia, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Home Missions, was recognized by the Chair, the five-minute rule having been suspended by common consent. Rev. D. S. Stephens was asked to speak to the question. Mrs. Eugenia St. John spoke.

The result of the vote for Corresponding Secretary of Home Missions was announced: Benjamin Stout, 69 ballots; S. A. Fisher, 42; A. M. Ravenscroft, 5;

Rev. Benjamin Stout was declared duly elected.

The Chair appointed Bros. C. J. Yingling and G. S. Wills tellers of the election for editor of the *Methodist Protestant.* The ballot was cast and they were allowed to retire.

On motion, the order of the day for 11.30 was suspended until the elections were over.

On motion, the election of editor of the *Methodist Recorder*, was taken up.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for Rev. D. S. Stephens. The ballot was cast and Rev. D. S. Stephens was declared duly elected.

Moved to proceed to the election of editor of Sunday-school periodicals.

On motion, the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for Rev. J. F. Cowan. The ballot was cast and Rev. J. F. Cowan was declared duly elected.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for W. J. C. Dulany, for Publishing Agent at Baltimore. The ballot was cast and W. J. C. Dulany was declared duly elected Publishing Agent at Baltimore.

On motion, Conference proceeded to the election of Publishing Agent for Pittsburgh.

Moved to cast the ballot of the Conference for Rev. A. W. Robertson. Objected.

The following brethren were put in nomination: Rev. A. W. Robertson, Pittsburgh; W. N. Swift, Onondaga; U. S. Fleming, West Virginia; Rev. Chas. F. Swift, Pittsburgh.

Bro. R. T. Pickens, North Carolina, and H. H. Vick, Genessee, were appointed tellers.

The tellers announced the result of the ballot for editor of the *Methodist Protestant*. T. H. Lewis, 15 ballots; F. T. Tagg, 96; S. B. Southerland, 2; E. J. Drinkhouse, 1; F. T. Little, 1; E. R. McGregor, 1.

Moved that the name of Rev. G. C. Shepperd be substituted for that of Rev. Jno. Scott, as a member of the Pittsburgh Directory. The amendment was lost by a vote of 43 to 49. The item was adopted. (Report 12.)

The order of the day was taken up—the election of agents, editors, &c.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to ballot for a Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The following brethren were put in nomination: Rev. T. E. Coulbourne, Maryland; Rev. F. T. Tagg, Maryland, (declined); Rev. A. M. Ravenscroft, Ohio, (declined); Rev. Hugh Stackhouse, Indiana; Rev. J. T. Howell, Alabama, (declined); Rev. T. H. Colhouer, Pittsburgh; Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Ohio.

Bros. C. J. Yingling, Muskingum, and G. S. Wills, North Carolina, were appointed tellers.

After the ballot the tellers were allowed to retire.

The tellers of the first ballot reported: T. E. Coulbourne, 77; F. T. Tagg, 1; H. Stackhouse, 14; F. T. Little, 1; A. L. Reynolds, 13; T. H. Colhouer, 5. Rev. T. E. Coulbourne, Maryland, was declared elected, having received a majority vote.

On motion, the election of Corresponding Secretary of the Home Missionary Board was taken up. The following brethren were nominated: Rev. Benjamin Stout, West Virginia; Rev. S. A. Fisher, Muskingum; Rev. A. M. Ravenscroft, Ohio.

Rev. D. C. Wees, West Virginia, and Bro. J. M. Hadley, North Carolina, were appointed tellers.

On motion, Bros. W. K. Gillespie, Pittsburgh, was chosen president, and Horace Burrough, Baltimore, secretary of the Board of Publication.

The tellers of the second ballot were allowed to retire.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to elect an editor for the *Methodist Protestant.* The following brethren were put in nomination: Rev. T. H. Lewis, Maryland; Rev. F. T. Tagg, Maryland; Rev. S. B. Southerland, Maryland.

On motion, the Committee on Boundaries was instructed to include in its report all the items now in the Discipline, as well as new items.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read.

The tellers reported the second ballot for Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh: A. W. Robertson, 24 ballots; U. S. Fleming, 69; C. F. Swift, 10; W. N. Swift, 2.

U. S. Fleming, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh.

A resolution on revising Discipline for publication was read and adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on publication of the Discipline who shall be authorized to correct grammatical and orthographical errors, but shall in no way alter the sense.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE,
D. S. STEPHENS.

The following brethren were appointed: L. W. Bates, J. T. Murray, F. T. Tagg, T. B. Appleget, W. J. C. Dulany.

The order of the day was taken up at 2.30 o'clock—the paper of Rev. Jno. Scott, Pittsburgh.

Rev. T. B. Appleget, New Jersey, offered a paper as a substitute and moved the previous question. Sustained. Moved to vote on the main question. Moved to lay the substitute on the table. Not carried. On motion, the substitute was adopted. (Overture 1.)

The report of the Board of Missions, as a committee to report a plan for organizing a conference in Japan, was read.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the paper offered by Rev. Jno. Scott on the overture, and the majority report of the Committee on Certificates, be printed in the *Journal*, as a matter of information. (Overture 1.)

Item 10 from report of Committee on Ritual was, by motion, laid on the table. Item 11 was referred to Committee on Articles of Religion. Item 12 was laid on the table. (Report 10.)

Rev. F. T. Tagg, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected editor of the *Methodist Protestant.*

A resolution providing for a Special Committee on Catechism on Discipline was adopted. The Chair appointed as follows: W. S. Hammond, W. A. Bunch, J. F. Fulton.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to elect a Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for Rev. J. C. Berrien for Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

The ballot was cast and Rev. J. C. Berrien was declared duly elected Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

Papers were referred to the Committees on Revision and Ministerial Education.

On motion, the order of the day for 11.30 was further postponed until 2.30.

On motion, the resolution recommending a Special Committee to Revise the Copy of the Discipline for Publication was taken up.

A paper was offered as a substitute.

By consent, both papers were withdrawn, and Revs. D. S. Stephens and E. J. Drinkhouse were requested to formulate instructions to the Committee to Revise Discipline.

The tellers of ballot for Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh reported as follows: A. W. Robertson, 41 ballots; W. N. Swift, 11; U. S. Fleming, 46; Chas. F. Swift, 10; total number of ballots cast, 108; necessary to a choice, 55.

There was no election.

On motion, Conference took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock.

A second ballot for Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh, was taken, and the tellers retired.

The Conference took up the report of Committee on Publishing Houses. A motion to reconsider item 10 of the report and grant the Board power to remove editors was lost. Item 11, adopted. Item 12, adopted. Item 14, (item 13, nominating Board, already adopted.) On motion, amended to strike out all after the words "Board of Publication." Adopted as amended. Item 15, adopted. Item 16, adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole. (Report 12.)

The report on boundaries was taken up. On motion, considered item by item. Items 1 to 20, inclusive, were adopted.

By consent, Bros. Hendricks, Kansas; J. Merriman, Alabama, (colored) and Rev. O. Lowther, West Virginia, were excused from further attendance.

By consent, Rev. A. H. Tevis, Kansas City, was allowed to speak upon item 2 of the report of Committee on Education relating to Kansas City University. The item was adopted. (Report 15.)

By common consent, Rev. T. B. Appleget, New Jersey, was heard in reference to the Ecumenical Council, Washington.

Bro. J. M. Hadley, North Carolina, was excused from further attendance.

On motion, adjourned with the benediction.

NINTH DAY.

Monday Morning, May 30, 1892.

Conference was opened by the President, Rev. G. G. Westfall, Pittsburgh, conducting religious exercises.

Calling the roll was dispensed with and minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Communications was received.

A resolution of thanks to Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, Maryland, was adopted:

On motion, the report of the Committee on Publishing Houses was taken up out of its regular order. Item 1 was adopted with adverse recommendations. Item 2, adopted. Item 3, adopted. Item 4, adopted. Item 5, (report of Board of Publication,) adopted.

By consent, Mrs. St. John, Kansas, was excused from attendance until Monday.

Item 6, report of Pittsburgh Directory, adopted. Item 7, report of Baltimore Directory, adopted.

By consent, W. K. Gillespie, Pittsburgh, was excused from attendance after 4 o'clock.

Item 8, report of Committee on Publishing Houses amended so as to prescribe an alphabetical and chronological list of members in church record, adopted.

The report of Special Committee to whom was referred manuscript of Catechism on Discipline was received.

By consent, Rev. C. A. Cecil, North Carolina, was excused. Moved to reconsider item 8, of report of Committee on Publishing Houses, for the purpose of striking out the words "alphabetical list." Lost. Adopted as already amended. Item 9, adopted. Item 10 recommended the power of removing editors be granted the Board. The previous question was called and sustained. The main question was put and the item lost. The vote being questioned, it was put to a rising vote and lost by 33 to 40.

By consent, leave of absence was granted to Bros. W. F. Kennett, of North Carolina, a brother from Alabama and Porter Maxwell, West Virginia.

By consent, a paper was introduced by Rev. Hugh Stackhouse, Indiana, and referred to Committee on Publishing Houses.

On motion, Conference took a recess until 7.30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference opened at 7.30 o'clock, the President in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. G. Veal, Central Texas.

Home Missions nominating the Board of Home Missions was taken up out of order.

Moved that the name of Bro. J. H. Hawkins, Steubenville, be substituted for that of Fletcher Chambers, Steubenville. The previous question was called and sustained. The main question was put and lost. The item was adopted.

On motion, the time was extended a half-hour.

On motion, a collection was ordered for the incidental expenses of the Conference. The Secretary asked C. H. Smoot, West Virginia, and F. M. Hussey, Indiana, to attend to the matter.

On motion, ordered that when the Conference adjourn for the morning it do so to meet at 7.30 P. M., leaving the members free to participate in the Memorial services.

On motion, Conference took a recess.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference convened at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. Thos. Aaron, Texas, led devotional exercises.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was taken up. On motion, it was considered item by item.

Item 1, laid upon the table. Item 2, adopted. Item 3, moved to amend by striking out the recommendation to elect Sunday-school editor, that having been already done. Lost. On motion, the item was divided. The first part was adopted. The latter part was withdrawn. Item 4, on motion, amended by striking out the word "require" and inserting the word "urged." Adopted as amended. Item 5, on motion, laid on the table. Item 6, on motion, referred to the Board of Publication. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole as amended. (Report 17.)

The report of the Committee on Revision was taken up. On motion, the report was considered item by item. Items 1 to 11, inclusive, adopted. Item 12, laid on the table. Item

Resolved, That this General Conference record its high appreciation of the ability and fidelity with which the Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse has served the church for the past eighteen years as editor of the *Methodist Protestant*.

W. M. STRAYER, J. R. BALL,
WM. J. C. DULANY, E. M. LOCKWOOD,
F. T. LITTLE, T. H. LEWIS.
BENJAMIN STOUT,

Item 21 of report of Committee on Boundaries was taken up.

Rev. D. S. Stephens, Ohio, offered a substitute, which was ruled out of order, as not pertinent to the question.

Moved to amend by referring to the Presidents of the New York and New Jersey Conferences. Laid on the table.

The previous question was called for and sustained. The main question was put and the item adopted. Item 22, adopted. (Report 14.)

Rev. D. S. Stephens offered a paper as an amendment to the report. Laid on the table.

A motion to reconsider item 7 of the report was lost.

By consent, Revs. W. A. Bunch, North Carolina; J. O. A. Radford, Georgia, and S. H. Flood, Indiana, were granted leave of absence.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was taken up.

Moved to amend by striking out all referring to organic union. Carried.

Moved to further amend the report by striking out the preamble. Carried.

Moved to further amend by making the President and Secretary of the General Conference a committee to receive propositions of union made between this and the next General Conference. Carried. Adopted as amended. (Report 16.)

Ordered that the Committee on Fraternal Relations prepare suitable resolutions of thanks.

Moved that the President of the General Conference be appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the Ecumenical Council.

On motion, the item of the report of the Committee on

On motion, fixing the place of the next General Conference was made the order of the day for 10 A. M.

On motion, Rev. J. J. Smith, alternate, from New York, was seated in the place of Rev. Reuel Hanks, excused.

Bro. Theo. Cocheu, New York, was excused from further attendance.

A motion to take item 14 of report of Committee on Revision from the table was lost. Item 20, adopted. Item 21, adopted. Item 22, laid on table. Item 23, adopted. Item 24, withdrawn. Item 25, adopted. Item 26, laid on table. Item 27, adopted. Item 28, adopted. Item 29, adopted. Item 30, on motion, laid on the table by a vote of 43 to 20. Item 31, adopted. Item 32, laid on table. Item 33, laid on table. Item 34, an amendment giving the Board power to fill editorial vacancies, offered by Rev. J. T. Murray, Maryland, was adopted. Inquiry was made if this gave the Board power to create an editorial vacancy, and the Chair answered it did not. Adopted. Item 35, laid on table.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended until the report under consideration could be completed.

Item 36, laid on table. Item 37, adopted. Item 38, adopted. Item 39, adopted. Item 40, adopted. Item 41, adopted. Item 42, a substitute was offered by Rev. W. M. Strayer, Maryland. The previous question was called for and sustained. The substitute was adopted. An amendment was offered by Rev. J. A. Thrapp, which was ruled out of order. Item 42, adopted. Item 43, recommitted. Item 44, lost. Item 45, adopted. Item 43, (returned) adopted.

On motion, ordered that the subjects of all papers adversely reported upon by the Committee on Revision be given in the *Journal*, together with the names of the persons proposing the papers.

On motion, Rev. W. G. Veal, Texas, was permitted to introduce a new paper.

On motion, referred to Committee on Preparation of Discipline. (Item 46, report 18.)

13 adopted. Item 14, laid on the table. Items 15 to 19, inclusive, adopted. (Report 18.)

On motion, adjourned with the benediction.

The Secretaries made their report of the incidental expenses of General Conference.

EXPENSES IN BEHALF OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

U. S. FLEMING.

Conference trunk, drayage, storage and express	$1 65	
Postage	1 10	
Express charges on *Journals*	90	
Stationery for Conference	1 45	
		$5 10

J. F. COWAN.

Telegram to M. E. Conference	$1 04	
Paper file	1 00	
Stationery	40	
Postage	05	
		2 49

L. D. STULTZ.

Postage	$ 04	
Stationery	15	
Telegram to Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly	50	
		69
Estimated necessary to express trunk, &c	$1 75	
Bill for printing railroad certificates	1 00	
		2 75
Paid sexton of church	10 00	
Balance	1 59	
		11 59
		$22 59
Money collected by F. M. Hussey		$22 59

TENTH DAY.

Tuesday Morning, May 31, 1892.

Conference convened with the President in the chair. Rev. J. A. Thrapp, Muskingum, led devotional exercises.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with. Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint a Committee to Nominate the Incorporators.

The Judiciary Committee's report was taken up. Item 1, adopted. Item 3, moved to lay on table. Lost. Item 4, adopted. On motion, adopted as a whole. (Report 8.)

The report of the Committee on Finance was taken up.

Rev. S. H. Flood, Indiana, offered an amendment to the first item. The previous question was called upon the amendment and the report. The call was sustained and the amendment put. The amendment was lost. The question was put on the adoption of the report. Carried by a vote of 45 to 26. (Report 19.)

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken up. Moved to amend by striking out "required" and inserting "recommended."

The Chair announced the following Committee on Nominating Incorporators of the General Conference: W. S. Hammond, W. L. Wells and H. M. Myers.

The previous question was called on the amendment to report of Committee on Temperance and sustained. The vote was put on the amendment and lost. Moved to strike out the words "constitutional prohibition" and insert "entire suppression." The amendment was carried. Moved to insert the words "or vote" after "petition" in item 3. The previous question was called for and sustained. The question was put and the amendment adopted by a vote of 33 to 31. The report was then adopted as amended by a vote of 39 to 17. (Report 20.)

On motion, the surplus of $10 over incidental expenses, as per the report of the Secretaries, was ordered given to the sexton of the church. A collection was taken amounting to $12.25 for the same purpose.

On motion, papers referring to date lines in the official organs, and to the continuance of the *Missionary Bulletin*, as reported from the Committee on Publishing Houses, were referred to the Board of Publication. (Miscellaneous 1.)

On motion, the Committee to Nominate Incorporators was

On motion, the report of Committee on Revision was adopted as a whole as amended. (Report 18.)

On motion, the Secretaries were made a Committee on Publication of *Journal.*

On motion, the time for taking the morning recess was extended ten minutes.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to ballot on the place of holding its next session. Fort Worth, Texas; Montgomery, Alabama, and Kansas City, Kansas, were put in nomination.

Bro. W. A. Strickler, West Virginia, and Rev. J. G. Reed, South Illinois, were appointed tellers.

On motion, the tellers were allowed to retire and Conference took a recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference resumed at 2 o'clock.

The tellers announced the result of the ballot for place of holding next session: Montgomery, Alabama, 23 ballots; Kansas City, Kansas, 43; Fort Worth, Texas, 19; whole number cast, 85; necessary to choice, 43.

On motion of Rev. W. G. Veal, Central Texas, the vote for Kansas City was made unanimous.

Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, Maryland, offered a paper empowering the President of the General Conference to select a place for its session, in default of the place to which it was to go. Adopted. (Resolutions, 1.)

The Committee on Fraternal Relations reported resolutions of thanks. On motion, adopted. (Resolutions, 2.)

The report of Judiciary Committee on plan for incorporation of General Conference reported.

Rev. F. T. Little, Maryland, offered a substitute. The previous question was called for and sustained. The substitute was adopted.

On motion, item 6 of Committee on Education was adopted. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (Report 15.)

The report of Committee on Articles of Faith was taken up. Rev. S. H. Flood, Indiana, moved to substitute the report of the Committee of the Indiana Conference on Articles of Faith. Moved that the report be recommitted to the Standing Committee, with instructions to report to the General Conference of 1896. The previous question wa called for and sustained. The main question was put and carried. (Report 21.)

On motion, the bill of expense of the Committee on Revision of Articles of Faith was approved and ordered paid by the Board of Publication. (Report 21.)

The report of Committee on Sabbath was taken up. Adopted. (Report 22.)

On motion, L. W. Bates, Maryland, was made a committee of one to forward the action of the Conference relating to the closing of the World's Fair on Sunday to Congress, through the Maryland Senators.

Moved that the members of the Conference be requested, on their return home, to write to their respective congressmen and senators, protesting against the opening of the World's Fair on Sunday. Carried.

The report of Course of Study was taken up. Adopted. (Report 23.)

The report of Committee on Home Missions was taken up. Moved to amend by adding the names of those members of the old Board who were dropped. Adopted. On motion, Rev. M. L. Barnett, West Virginia, and J. H. Hawkins, Steubenville, Ohio, were added to the Board. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (Report 23.)

On motion, the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions was so amended as to read "nine" members instead of "seven," and "five ministers and four laymen," instead of as now.

authorized to nominate eight from Maryland, as required by law.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken up. Item 1, adopted. Item 3, (item 2, previonsly adopted), adopted. Item 4, by consent, Rev. T. H. Lewis, was allowed to include in the report on Colleges, a statement of the condition and prospects of Western Maryland College. Adopted. Item 5, adopted. Item 6, on motion, postponed until 7.30 P. M. Item 7, adopted. Item 8, adopted. (Report 15.)

On motion, ordered that when we take a recess we do so to meet at 7.30 P. M. and remain in session until the business is completed.

On motion, ordered that the Conference take a recess from 6 to 7.30 P. M.

The report on Young People's Societies was taken up. Five items had been previously adopted. Item 6, adopted. Item 7, moved to strike out the item. Lost. On motion, the amendment to strike out the word "general" before Secretary was lost. On motion, the amendment to strike out the word "general" and insert the word "corresponding" was lost. The previous question was called for and sustained. The item was adopted. Item 8. On motion, the time was extended ten minutes. The previous question was called for and sustained. The main question was put and carried. The report was adopted as a whole. (Report 4.)

On motion, the Conference took a recess.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference resumed at 7.30 o'clock, Rev. B. F. Duggan, Tennessee, conducting religious exercises.

On motion, a paper by Rev. D. S. Stephens, Ohio, was taken up and adopted, as an amendment to the report on Young People's Societies. (Report 4.)

On motion, Rev. B. F. Duggan, Tennessee, and Bro. N. W. Davis, Mississippi, were elected fraternal messengers to the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly.

On motion, the Statistical Report was ordered not read, but perfected and printed in the *Journal* by the Committee on Publication of Minutes. (Report 30.)

On motion, Rev. J. H. Robinson and Bro. Theo. Cocheu, New York, were appointed fraternal messengers to the Primitive Methodist Conference.

On motion, the preparation of the minutes was left to the discretion of the Committee on Publication.

Before putting the motion for final adjournment, President Hering arose and said:

"With the permission of the Conference, I desire to submit a few remarks. We are now about to close the Sixteenth Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and go back to the respective constitutiences whom we had the honor and the responsibility, too, of representing here.

Our record is made up—our work is done, and is such, I trust, as will promote the highest interests of our Church and meet the approval of God.

There has been manifested throughout our entire deliberations a most commendable and kindly Christian spirit, even in the midst of the discussion of questions where there were strong convictions on both sides and the widest differences of opinion.

It has been my privilege to be a member of a number of the General Conferences and conventions of our Church, but I do not remember any of these assemblies in which debate was conducted with such uniform courtesy and in which there was exhibited so much of love, so much toleration of the opinion of others and so much forbearance.

This spirit, so prominent all through the Conference, has greatly aided in the discharge of the delicate and responsible duties which you placed upon me as your presiding officer.

For the many evidences of your kindness to the Chair, and your ready acquiescence in all that tended to promote the good order and dignity of our sessions, you have my most hearty thanks.

And I wish to express my high appreciation of the faithfulness and efficiency of the Secretary of the Conference and his assistants, in the discharge of the very onerous duties which a Conference session imposes.

To me, this is a moment of supreme interest. We shall, in a little while, separate, never, I am quite sure, with many of us, to look into each others faces again this side of the Jordan.

I wish to say, that for every member of this General Conference I have a warm place in my heart, and as I shall see your names, from time to time,

On motion, the Board was instructed to take the necessary steps to change its charter to conform to the Discipline.

The report of the Committee to Make a Plan of Conference Sessions was taken up. Adopted. (Report 25.)

The report of the Committee on Journals was taken up item by item. Items 1 to 3, inclusive, adopted. Adopted as a whole. (Report 26.)

The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was taken up. On motion, considered item by item. Items 1 to 8, inclusive, adopted. Item 9, the previous question was called for and sustained. The item was adopted. Item 10, adopted. On motion, adopted as a whole. (Report 27.)

A report of Committee on Catechism on Discipline. Adopted. (Report 28.)

A paper was offered by Rev. D. S. Stephens, Ohio, relating to a Layman's Bureau, as an amendment to the report of the Committee on Communications. A substitute was offered. Previous question was called for and sustained. The substitute was lost and the paper adopted. (Report 7.)

Papers from the Committee on Judiciary, relating to a request from Rev. J. H. Robinson about placing preachers on the unstationed list, and from Committee on Ritual, relating to changes in giving the right hand of fellowship and the baptismal service, as proposed, respectively, by Rev. B. F. Duggan, Tennessee, and Rev. T. L. Garrison, and Bro. D. P. Hollen, Texas, were laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Nominating Incorporators of the General Conference was read. At the request of Rev. A. L. McKeever, West Virginia, his name was stricken out, and that of Rev. W. A. Bunch, North Carolina, was substituted. The report was adopted as amended. (Report 29.)

On motion, the representatives were requested to furnish their post office addresses to the Secretary.

On motion, fraternal delegates were ordered chosen to the General Conference of the United Brethren Church, May, 1893. Rev. T. B. Graham, Ohio, and Bro. R. T. Pickens, North Carolina, were elected.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, Etc.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE ADOPTED AS PRINTED, WHERE NOT OTHERWISE STATED.

(1.) *Report of Special Committee on Roll of Members.*

Your special committee, appointed to report whether or not representatives whose elections have not been reported as required by Section 3 are entitled to seats in this Conference, beg leave to submit the following, to wit: We recommend that the roll of members as prepared by the Secretary be amended as hereinafter set forth:

1. In the list of lay delegates from the Indiana Conference, that the name of Bro. S. Barney, who will not be present, be stricken out, and that the name of Bro. W. R. Beard, an alternate, who is present, be enrolled as delegate.

2. Lay delegate A. M. Lyons, and ministerial delegate Rev. S. A. Fisher, Muskingum Conference, not being present, that the names of Bro. Vincent Ferguson, an alternate lay delegate, and Rev. D. C. Coburn, alternate ministerial delegate, be enrolled.

3. Rev. L. D Abbott, ministerial delegate, West Michigan Conference, not being present, that Rev. L. Dodds, alternate, be enrolled as the representative.

4. That Bro. Henry Baughn, alternate delegate, Ohio Conference, be enrolled, instead of Bro. A. Alexander, a lay delegate, who will not be present.

5. That Rev. Samuel McClain and Bro. E. T. Molyneaux be enrolled as representatives from that Conference.

6. That Rev. S. O. Townsend, Alabama Conference, not being present, the name of Rev. Geo. R. Brown be enrolled, he being an alternate and present.

7. That the name of Rev. W. S. Miller, North Missouri Conference, be enrolled as ministerial representative.

8. That Rev. C. W. Stephenson, an alternate, be enrolled in place and stead of F. Traver, as ministerial delegate from the Michigan Conference.

9. That Bro. J. M. Hadley, an alternate representative, be enrolled as a lay representative, in room and stead of G. W. Holmes, a representative who is not present from North Carolina.

in our Church papers or in our *Journal*, they will always recall to me the most pleasant recollections. My brethren, let us be true to God, true to ourselves, true to the Church, and go out into these places, north, south, east and west, and in the name of Jesus, our Master, set up the banners of the Methodist Protestant Church.

I pray that God's blessing may be upon you; that you may be returned safely to your homes and to the bosom of your families, and that your future work for Him and the Church, whether as ministers or laymen, may be crowned with abundant success."

On motion, the Conference adjourned, to meet on the third Friday in May, 1896, in Kansas City, Kansas.

J. W. HERING, *President.*
J. F. COWAN, *Secretary.*

COLLECTIONS.

Maryland Conference	$117 27	
North Carolina Conference	75 00	
Muskingum "	60 00	
New Jersey "	30 00	
Ohio "	29 14	
Pittsburgh "	12 53	
Texas "	10 00	
North Illinois "	9 65	
North. Mississippi "	5 20	
Oregon "	5 00	
Nebraska "	4 00	
New York "	2 50	
Pennsylvania "	1 00	
		$361 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

To German H. Hunt, Treasurer Ecumenical Conference	$336 27	
Expenses, paper, postage	87	
		$337 14
Balance on hand		$24 15
Returned		$106 02
Balance		$130 17

It will be seen that only thirteen Conferences honored this claim upon the general church, and some of these paid only inconsiderable amounts, thus throwing the responsibility for sustaining the honor of the denomination upon about a half dozen of the Conferences.

(3.) *Report of Committee on Certificates.—Majority.*

(NOT ADOPTED, BUT ORDERED PRINTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY.)

The committee respectfully submit the following:

The roll of members, as made out by the Secretary from the certified lists forwarded by the presidents and secretaries of the electorial colleges, and the added names of those persons reported by the Special Committee as representatives, is duly attested as a list of the legal representatives of the Annual Conferences in this General Conference, with the exceptions following:

1. Mrs. Eugenia St. John brings credentials in regular form from Kansas Conference of election as a ministerial representative to this Conference; but as it is contrary to the law and general usage of the church to recognize the validity of the ordination of females, your committee recommend that she be not recognized as entitled to membership in this body.

10. That C. M. Gibbs, of Indiana, be enrolled in the place of Bro. W. W. McCaslin. (Recommitted.)

11. That Rev. Oliver Lowther, West Virginia, alternate, take the place of Rev. J. J Poynter, who will not be present.

W. S. HAMMOND,
J. B. McLUCAS,
WILL A. STRICKLER,
Committee.

(2.) Report on Ecumenical Conference.

The General Conference of 1888 appointed J. T. Murray, S. A. Fisher, T. B. Graham, C. W. Button and James P. Sayer an Executive Committee, who shall see that we are suitably represented in the proposed Conference, and shall have power to select from the persons nominated by the Annual Conferences the number of representatives to which we, as a church, are entitled.

A very limited number of Conferences nominated persons, so that the whole list of nominees was not more than double the number to be selected. The selections were made by the Executive Committee by ballot, and were as follows: Revs. T. B. Appleget, O. V. W. Chandler, J. T. Murray, T. J. Ogburn and J. J. Smith, and Messrs. C. W. Button, W. R. Peters, John Allen and W. C. Whitaker.

Rev. O. V. W. Chandler resigned, and M. L. Jennings was chosen in his place; also Bro. J. S. Topham, in the place of Bro. John Allen.

The Conference was held in the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., October 7-20, 1891. All of the representatives of our church were present, except M. L. Jennings. Revs. T. B. Appleget and T. J. Ogburn, were selected by the Programme Committee, to deliver invited addresses, and these addresses appear in the volume containing the valuable essays and addresses delivered during the session of the Conference. Rev. J. T. Murray held a place on the Executive Committee and among the Presidents of the Conference.

The Annual Conferences were requested by the Executive Committee to contribute our portion of the expenses of the Ecumenical Conference. A report of money received and expended is herewith given.

It was found that the expenses were less than anticipated, and $130.17 was returned. It was suggested that a *pro rata* distribution of the balance be returned to the Conferences contributing to the fund.

On behalf of the committee.

J. T. MURRAY.

ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS FOR ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

The portion of the guarantee fund for the Ecumenical Conference charged to the Methodist Protestant Church is,	$450 00
Amount collected	361 29
Deficit	$88 71

Its predominant principle is embodied in the prayer meeting pledge, its avowed purpose being to promote a true and earnest Christian life among its members and to train them in Christian work. We believe its rapid growth is in keeping with the age in which we live, and clearly indicates its adaptability to the needs of the young people, and supplies a long felt want in the church. The flexibility of the "model constitution" adapts it to every evangelical church, and to every phase of Christian enterprise, according to which it may become intensely denominational, but never narrowly sectarian. This makes the society always loyal to the church of which it is a part, and at the same time affiliates it with the societies of every other denomination. Appended to the report will be found a statistical report of young people's societies in connection with our own church, furnished your committee by Rev. J. F. Cowan, editor of our Sunday-school publications, from which it will be seen that, as far as they have reported, we have a total of 419 young people's societies, with a membership of 10,965. Nearly all of these societies have been organized since the last Quadrennial Conference of our church, and 355 of them are Societies of Christian Endeavor.

Your committee therefore very respectfully presents for the consideration and action of this General Conference the following recommendations in regard to this most important work :

2. Recognizing the good work already done through the efforts of young people's societies, we recommend that this General Conference endorse this movement and adopt the young people's societies as one of the general agencies of our church in Christian work, and that as such it be recognized in the next edition of our Book of Discipline.

3. Regarding the "model constitution" of the United Society of Christian Endeavor as the most suitable and best adapted as a basis for young people's societies in our church, we therefore recommend its adoption, and advise pastors and all the young people of our local churches to organize upon it as a basis, and that for the sake of uniformity these societies be called "The Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor of the Methodist Protestant Church."

4. We recommend that all the local societies within the bounds of the several Conferences unite so as to form Conference Unions of Christian Endeavor, and hold annual gatherings, and if expedient, sub-district organizations to meet oftener.

5. We recommend that the pastor of each charge having young people's societies be required to carry up to his Annual Conference full statistical reports, names of societies, number of members—active, associate and honorary, number of conversions, number and kind of meetings held, contributions and purposes for which raised, and any other items from the societies that might be of interest to the Conference. Each Annual Conference shall be required to furnish pastors' blanks for such reports, conforming to the one adopted by this General Conference, and inserted in the Discipline.

2. Mrs. E. A. Murphy bears credentials in regular form as a lay delegate from Iowa Conference; but we regard her election as null, because it is in violation of the constitution and law of the church.

3. Miss M. M. Bonnett, of West Virginia, and Mrs. M. J. Morgan, of Indiana, also bear credentials in regular form as lay delegates, but we regard their election also null, because in violation of the constitution and law of the church.

J. T. MURRAY, JNO. SCOTT,
B. F. DUGGAN, J. L. OGBURN.

Report of Committee on Certificates.—Minority.

(ADOPTED AS THE ACTION OF THE CONFERENCE.)

We, members of your Committee on Certificates, beg leave to submit the following report:

Excepting the two cases already disposed of by the Conference, we find that the credentials of the representatives, as certified to the Secretary, are regular; that the election has been constitutionally held and returned, and that all the members of this body as so enrolled are entitled to their seats.

THOS. B. APPLEGET,
C. J. YINGLING,
WILL A. STRICKLER.

3. Your Committee on Certificates have examined the credentials of Rev. John Merriman, as a delegate from the Alabama Conference (Colored), and find them in form and proper; but as the Conference is a Mission Conference, we recommend that Rev. John Merriman be enrolled as a messenger from the said Conference, and that he is entitled to a seat as such.

J. T. MURRAY, C. J. YINGLING,
T. B. APPLEGET, WILL A. STRICKLER,
Committee.

(4.) *Report on Young Peoples' Societies.*

1. Your Committee on Young People's Societies take pleasure in making the following report:

We believe that the interest of the young people of the church are second to none before this General Conference, and the church that legislates most wisely in their behalf will live and prosper, while the church that ignores or neglects them will fail and die. During the past decade there has been an awakening and forward movement among the young people of the land as never before, and several different young peoples' societies have been organized in the various branches of the Christian church. Of these, the Society of Christian Endeavor has far outstripped all the others—there being at present not less than 19,000 of them, with a total membership of about 1,500,000. They are connected with all evangelical denominations in christendom. This young child of Providence was born in a revival of religion, and has proved itself a blessing in every department of the church.

(5.) *Report of Special Committee on Consolidation of Mission Boards.*

Your special committee, to which was referred the memorials from Ex-Governor Pierpont and the Maryland Conference, for the consolidation of the Mission Boards and the formation of a Board of Church Extention, beg leave to report that they do not favor the memorial, and recommend that the Mission Boards be continued as at present constituted.

O. V. W. CHANDLER,
W. M. STRAYER,
W. K. GILLESPIE.

(6.) *Report on Dispute Between New York and Pennsylvania Conferences.*

Your committee on the matter in dispute between the Pennsylvania and and New York Conferences would report as follows: Representatives from both Conferences have been before your committee, and have mutually agreed to the following basis of settlement:

1. The Pennsylvania Conference agrees to accept the original sum of $585.01, in full of all demands financially.

2. That this General Conference recommend to the several charges formerly belonging to the Pennsylvania Conference, but now identified with the New York Conference, "until they otherwise elect," that they take such action as will place them under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Conference. Your committee congratulates all parties concerned on the prospect of a happy termination of this unfortunate difficulty, and hope that this agreement may be speedily consumated by the terms thus mutually agreed upon by both parties.

A. W. ROBERTSON,
F. H. M. HENDERSON,
R. T. PICKENS.

(7.) *Report of Committee on Communications.*

1. Your Committee on Communications, to whom was referred a paper on international arbitration, recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church heartily endorse the principle of international arbitration, and the President and Secretary of this body are authorized to sign the petition on behalf of the General Conference, and that the two delegates be appointed to the Conference to be held in Chicago, 1893.

2. WHEREAS, We believe that the enire separation of the administration of national and state politics from sectarian and ecclesiastical influence is necessary for the preservation of onr common school system and other American institutions, and,

6. Your committee would also recommend the organization of Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor among the boys and girls of our Sunday-schools, according to the "model constitution," provided by the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and that the superintendents of them be selected from the active members of the church and Sunday-schools.

7. A memorial from the Pittsburgh Conference Union of Christian Endeavor was duly brought before this General Conference and referred to your committee, in which it was asked for the recognition of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, as the best adapted and most successful for our church. Your Committee has already made such recommendations in this report. The memorial further asks the sanction of this General Conference to the calling of a general convention of the Societies of Christian Endeavor of our church as soon as thought practical, and also the appointment of a general secretary of Christion Endeavor work by this General Conference.

Your committee would recommend that this Conference give its sanction to the calling of a general convention of Christian Endeavor whenever the several Conference Unions shall deem it necessary and expedient, and would leave the matter of electing a general secretary to the wisdom and discretion of such general convention.

8. Recognizing the large part which the paper known as *Our Young People* has taken in the organization and effective workings of our existing societies, and believing that its withdrawal from this field would be exceedingly detrimental both to the societies and the church, we therefore recommend that it be constituted the official organ of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Methodist Protestant Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. DYER, D. P. HOLLEN,
J. M. CONOWAY, J. F. FULTON,
Committee.

9. The following resolution offered by Rev. D. S. Stephens was accepted by the committee as a part of their report:

WHEREAS, During the past two years much necessary work connected with the extension of the Christain Endeavor movement in our church has been done in the Sunday-school department; and,

WHEREAS, In the absence of any provision by the church for such work in the future, the demands of the Christian Endeavor work upon the Sunday-school editor's time are likely to increase; and,

WHEREAS, The Sunday-school department has bern reported in a most prosperous condition, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to make such arrangements, if practicable, as will enable the Sunday-school editor to continue to give necessary attention to Christian Endeavor work, as far as is consistent with the highest degree of excellence in the work on the Sunday-school periodicals.

Shall the third paragraph under the head of "station and circuit stewards" be changed so as to read "The station and circuit stewards shall be elected annually in the stations, by the qualified members, including ministers and preachers, and in the circuits and missions by the societies, each society electing its own stewards, *provided*, that each society shall have at least one steward."

Your committee further recommends, in case the above overture shall be adopted, that item 4, on page 63, of the Discipline, which relates to the election of stewards by the Quarterly Conference, be stricken out.

3. The following paper was referred to your committee.

Has this General Conference power to alter or add to the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church?

G. G. WESTFALL,
S. H. FLOOD.

To this inquiry your committee would answer, no. The Discipline, Article XVII, section 1, says: "Alterations of this Constitution may be effected by means of overtures, submitted by the General Conference and confirmed by two-thirds of the Annual Conferences."

4. The following resolution was also referred to your committee:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to consider the wisdom and best methods of procedure, in order that this General Conference may become an incorporated body, and that they report their conclusion to the Conference during this session.

F. T. LITTLE,
D. S. STEPHENS.

Your committee are of the opinion that the incorporation of this General Conference would be a wise and proper thing, and recommend that this Conference appoint a committee of two ministers and one lawyer to take the necessary steps to obtain such an act of incorporation, and recommend Jno. Scott, M. Yingling, W. C. Miller and J. R. Ball.

The following was offered and adopted as a substitute for the report of the committee.

That we proceed to select fifteen persons—eight ministers and seven laymen—to constitute a Board of Trustees of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and that they proceed to become an incorporated body as soon as practicable after the adjournment of this Conference.

F. T. LITTLE.

5. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Society of the Trinity Methodist Protestant Church, of Brooklyn, New York, held April 27, 1892:

WHEREAS, The New York Annual Conference, which met at Tarrytown, New York, October, 1889, adopted a resolution receiving the so-called "Bedford Avenue Tabernacle," of Brooklyn, New York, as a member of the Conference, and,

WHEREAS, The action of the New York Annual Conference was entirely in disregard of Section 1, Article IV, of the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church, especially that portion requiring "the decision of the nearest Quarterly Conference," therefore be it

WHEREAS, A large number of the states have guarded by statutory enactments their public funds from sectarian control, and,

WHEREAS, There has been introduced into the Fifty-Second Congress, accompanied by petitions from all sections of the country, a proposed sixteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which amendment is now before the Judiciary Committee in both houses of Congress in form following, viz:

"No state shall pass any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or use its property or credit or any money raised by taxation, or authorize either to be used for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding, by appropriation, payment for services, expenses or otherwise, any church, religious denomination or religious society, or any institution, society or undertaking which is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control."

Resolved, That this General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church appeals to the Fifty-Second Congress in favor of the passage of the proposed amendment and its submission to the several states for their adoption.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this body certify this action for presentation to Congress.

3 The following communication was referred to us:

WHEREAS, A movement for the prosecution of evangelistic work has been organized by laymen and ministers of the Pittsburgh Conference designated as the Layman's Bureau, for evangelistic work, and,

WHEREAS, This organization promises to be of great utility in awakening and training the lay forces of the church to this important line of Christian work, therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of the object and plan of this organization and recommend other Annual Conferences to establish organizations similar in aim and plan of operation.

We recommend its adoption.

T. B. APPLEGET,
S. H. FLOOD,
W F. KENNETT,
Committee.

(8.) *Report of Committee on Judiciary.*

1. The Committee took the following action upon a paper by Rev. L. W. Bates, referred to it on an overture to the Annual Conferences to change the last section of the Constitution, on page 30, so as to substitute the term "deacon" for "steward."

As to the proposition to send down to the Annual Conferences an overture to change the word steward to deacon in the Constitution of the Church, your committee begs leave to report that they do not consider the change a desirable one.

2. Your committee, to whom was referred a paper in regard to the election of stewards, begs leave to recommend that the following overture be sent down to the several Annual Conferences, to wit:

Item 4. The reports of the treasurer of the Board, Rev. G. B. McElroy, have been placed in our hands, and from them we find that the receipts for

1888–89, were	$10,091 89
1889–90, "	14,711 82
1890–91, "	13,322 73
1891–92, "	13,902 50
Total	$52,028 94

This is an increase of $17,898.39 over the collections for mission work for the three years from April, 1885, to May, 1888, being an average contribution in the past four years of thirty-two and a half cents per member of the denomination for Foreign Missions. We congratulate the church upon this hearty increase of interest in the work of missions. The financial statement of the treasurer is herewith submitted, and we recommend its adoption:

Your Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully submit for your information and consideration the following general summary of receipts and disbursements for the quadrennium, May 1, 1888, to April 30, 1882, as exhibited by the books of the treasurer, and including only the monies that have been actually reported to and received by him:

RECEIPTS.

General Assessment Fund	$23,134 13	
Children's Day "	20,526 00	
Permanent "	257 76	
Album "	916 36	
		$44,834 25
Busy Workers' cards	$ 458 50	
Nagoya home, (Lafayette cottage)	393 94	
" earthquake damages	136 50	
" school building	1,301 50	
" chapel	690 75	
" Hirati home	373 00	
		$ 3,354 19
Commercial Savings Bank, (temporary loans)	$ 350 00	
Interest	527 90	
Y. P. S. C. E.	76 28	
Excess of appropriations—refunded	494 49	
Kitagata S. S. building	10 75	
Birthday offerings	2 12	
Missionary Bulletin, (subscriptions and advertisements)	106 37	
Yokohama chapel	20 00	
Lectures of F. C. Klein	999 04	
Education of Miss Hirati	10 90	
A. R. Morgan, (children's traveling expenses refunded)	244 01	
Newark and Lottie Owen's scholarships	85 11	
F. T. Tagg, (balance due at settlement, Aug. 11, 1889)	407 41	
Traveling expenses of missionaries (to and from Japan)	282 56	

Resolved, That the Trinity Methodist Protestant Church respectfully petition the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, which will convene at Westminster, Maryland, May 20, 1892, to declare said action of the New York Annual Conference to be illegal and null, and to take such other action as the General Conference may deem proper in the premises.

J. H. LUCAS,
Chairman,
HENRY B. COCHEU,
Secretary of Society.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows: From the evidence before us, it appears that while the action of the New York Annual Conference, in receiving the "Bedford Avenue Tabernacle," of Brooklyn, New York, was informal, still the subsequent action of the Conference, in receiving the pastor of said church and entering his name on the rolls of the Conference, receiving a delegate from said church, and receiving statistical reports from the pastor and the church, places it beyond the power of this committee to declare the action of the New York Conference null and void, especially since the matter is not before us on appeal.

Signed.

JNO. SCOTT, *Chairman*, H. BAUGHN,
W. C. MILLER, JOSHUA W. MILES.
W. M. STRAYER,

The above report was so amended as to refer the matter back to the New York Conference.

(9.) *Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.*

Your Committee of Foreign Missions begs leave to report as follows:

Item 1. We recommend the following persons as the Board of Foreign Missions: T. B. Graham, G. B. McElroy, T. J. Ogburn, W. L. Wells, F. T. Tagg, T. H. Lewis, W. W. McCaslin, U. S. Fleming and Frank Brierly.

Item 2. We recommend that Section 8, pages 87 and 88, of the Discipline, be so amended as to drop out all except the last paragraph, which shall be known as section 8.

Item 3. The following resolution was presented to your committee, and we recommend its adoption:

WHEREAS, It is apparent to all who have given the subject consideration that the *Missionary Bulletin*, edited and published by Rev. F. T. Tagg, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions, is, and has been from the beginning, a splendid educator of the people on this very important interest of the church, and,

WHEREAS, The results financially have been very satisfactory, therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference in session endorse the *Bulletin* as the official organ of the Board of Foreign Missions, and hereby pledge to it our cordial and hearty support.

O. V. W. CHANDLER,
G. B. MCELROY.

Item 8. The following named ladies are nominated and recommended for election as members of the Executive Committee: Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mrs. M. A. Miller, Mrs. D. S. Stephens, Mrs. J. D. Anderson, Mrs. J. E. Palmer, Mrs. T H. Colhouer, Mrs. J. J. Murray, Mrs. W. H. Coxson, Mrs. G. B. Dotson, Mrs. M. J. Morgan, Miss S. A. Lipscomb, Mrs. N. K. Seaman and Miss Mary Moall.

Item 9. The quadrennial report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is herewith submitted for adoption:

Mr. President and Members of the General Conference here assembled: In the performance of a very pleasant duty enjoined, and deeply recognizing the honor conferred upon us, we appear before you to present this quadrennial report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, and to bear greetings from the society to this honorable body.

We are still, as from the beginning, trying to carry out our original plan of Christianizing heathen women and children in the foreign field.

In a review of the past four years, we can but note our shortcomings, we humbly recognize our failures, and pray for grace and mercy for a closer walk with Him whose judgments are right and perfect altogether.

With gratitude we recall His mercies, and feel that to Him be all the glory, whose followers we are.

We cannot be unmindful of the endorsement given us when, in Conference assembled four years ago, you bade us God speed and encouraged us to press forward.

As to our work, while it has not been all we had hoped for, yet God has been with us, and we are not dismayed; as our prospects brighten, our zeal increases, and clinging to His promises, we are sure of success.

We have organized 19 branches, and number at the present time 200 auxiliary societies, 45 mission boards and a membership of 2,800.

Our receipts for the past four years from all sources amount to something over $200.00. And now, dear brethren, you will remember we are only the gleaners, and have not the open field.

Our official organ, the *Missionary Record*, has a circulation of 1,400 and no indebtedness.

We have two schools in Japan, one in Yokohama, the other at Nagoya, employing two missionaries, a number of native teachers and Bible readers.

Our school at Nagoya has struggled against difficulties. We have no building, and have not had a suitable room for school purposes, but we have on hand about $500 as a nucleus for a building fund, and have faith to believe that our labors at this point will not be in vain.

Our school at Yokohama is conducted with three departments, namely, evangelical, educational and industrial, and compares favorably with the schools of the other missions in the city. As a result of the work of our Bible reader at this place, several good members have been added to our church, and at our Executive Board meeting, recently adjourned, arrangements were completed by which the school will be fully equipped for good and successful work. Our building in Yokohama is in good repair, entirely free from debt, with the insurance paid for one year in advance. And now

Miscellaneous items, (unclassified)	223 56	
Cash balance, May 1, 1888	2,742 09	
		$ 6,528 59
		$54,771 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries	$24,025 37	
Mission and school—current expenses	7,873 36	
Traveling expenses, sending and returning missionaries, annual ex committee meetings, secretary, &c.	8,058 52	
Printing	1,744 55	
Postage, expressage, freight and stationery	710 63	
School supplies, earthquake damages, &c.	2,467 67	
Nagoya school building and home	4,581 50	
" chapel	1,419 00	
Home missions, (in 1888)	725 92	
Mission debts of former quadrennium	906 61	
Cash balance, April 30, 1892	2,257 90	
		$54,771 03
Total receipts during 1888-89	$10,091 89	
" " " 1889-90	14,711 82	
" " " 1890-91	13,322 73	
" " " 1891-92	13,902 50	
		$52,028 94

G. B. MCELROY, *Treasurer.*

ADRIAN, MICHIGAN, May 1, 1892.

Item 5. We recommend that the Treasurer of the Board be instructed to add to his report the amounts paid for foreign missions by the various Annual Conferences, as well as the assessments made to these Conferences.

Item 6. Your committee recognize in the Students' Volunteer movement a most hopeful sign for the future of the cause of missions, and we advise that, by all means practicable, our people give encouragement to this movement and especially at our colleges and institutions of learning.

Item 7. The following request from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was presented to your committee, and we recommend that the request be granted:

The Executive Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society do hereby respectfully ask, through the Executive Committee appointed by the General Conference, that the same relation which was granted the Board at the last meeting of this body, and that we request the rules adopted at that time be endorsed at this meeting with the following changes: In Article III, the Executive Committee shall consist of thirteen members, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the General Executive Board; also, that five of its members shall be members of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Society, and that we request the privilege of presenting the report of our work the foreign field to the annual meetings or Missionary Conference in Japan.

MRS. N. K. SEAMAN, MRS. E. C CHANDLER,
MRS. D. S. STEPHENS, MRS. M. A. MILLER

(10.) Report of Committee on Ritual.

NOTE.—Inasmuch as this report is lengthy, embracing the entire church ritual, and as it will appear in full in the Discipline, it seemed unnecessary to the Secretary and to the Committee on Ritual that it should appear in duplicate in the *Journal*.

(11.) Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your committee respectfully make the following report:

1. We find a very well prepared report of the treasurer of the Board, presenting the receipts and disbursements of the Board, and also a statement of the permanent fund, all of which we recommend be adopted.

2. We recommend that the Board of Ministerial Education consists of the following: M. L. Jennings, J. H. Claney, J. F. Cooper, B. W. Anthony and the secretary of the Board, *ex-officio*.

3. The members of the Examining Committee at Adrian: G. B. McElroy, C, E. Wilbur, W. H. Howard, John Gregory and the pastor of Adrian Church.

4. Examining Committee at Westminster: J. T. Ward, T. H. Lewis, J. W. Hering, Charles Billingslea and the pastor of Westminster Church.

5. Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary: L. D. Stultz, C. E. Crenshaw, J. C. Roberts, Benjamin Stout and J. W. Hull.

6. We recommend, in the case of beneficiaries, that item 2, of the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education of last General Conference, page 58 *Journal*, be adopted.

7. We recommend that all accounts of the treasurer of the Board be audited before being presented to the General Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. DUGGAN, *Chairman*,
J. A. THRAPP,
H. B. COX,
A. M. RAVENSCROFT,
F. M. HUSSEY,
WARNER MILLS,
G. B. HARRIS,
S. C. GRESSLEY,
G. W. CRANDALL.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Westminster, Maryland, May 21, 1892.

To the General Conference:

Dear Brethren: In behalf of and as corresponding secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Protestant Church, I would respectfully submit for your consideration and approval this report, including the financial statement of the treasurer, Bro. John H. Claney, for the four years ending May 15, 1892:

The present incumbent was elected by the Board in March, 1891, to fill out the unexpired term of the Rev. J. B. Walker, of precious memory, who, from the origin of this work in our church, over twenty-five years ago, had

as we feel that we have a good foothold in Yokohama, we desire to bend our energies to make a successful work at Nagoya, and thus extend our borders and strenghthen our stakes in the empire of Japan.

Accompanying this report, I present to you the following resolutions and petitions, adopted at the reeent annual meeting of our Executive Board, which we pray you to give due consideration.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

MRS. F. A. BROWN,
President.

Item 10. Your committee recommend the formation of a Mission Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Churches in Japan.

Item 11. Your committee rejoice to learn of the prosperous condition of our mission work in Japan. And while it was with tears and prayers that our missionaries bade farewell to Rev. T. H. Colhouer and his devoted companion, it is with Christian greeting and thanks to our Heavenly Father for their safe return, that we welcome them home to this beloved land and to this General Conference of our church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. H. LEWIS, C. J. YINGLING,
D. C. COBURN, W. S. HENDRICKS,
W. A. BUNCH, PORTER MAXWELL,
J. F. HENKLE, *Laymen.*
GEO. R. BROWN,
Ministers.

Plan for Organizing an Annual Conference in Japan.

The Board of Foreign Missions is hereby charged with the duty of organizing a Mission Annual Conference in Japan, which shall be governed by the law in the Discipline, except in the following points:

1. All missionaries sent out by the Board, or by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, shall be entitled to membership in the Conference; but this shall not include the wives of the missionaries.

2. If there be more than one missionary laboring at a point where there is but one church, the church shall have power to elect a lay delegate for each missionary and minister within its bounds.

3. The Board of Missions shall appoint the President of the Conference, until the next General Conference, and determine his duties. He may be given larger power than the Discipline recognizes, if the Board consider it necessary, *provided*, that all acts performed under this grant be reported to the next General Conference.

The Annual Conference shall report their proceedings to the Board of Missions, and all questions of interpretation shall be finally decided by the Board. We recommend that these suggestions, if adopted, be inserted in the Discipline, page 88, as Section 9.

T. B. GRAHAM,
Chairman.

years. Thirty-three of the above number are in attendance at the official colleges at the present time.

The Board is gratified to be able to state that the number of students at our several colleges and seminaries preparing for the ministry of our church during the four years just closed has been much larger than the number receiving aid from the Board. At one time when careful inquiry was made, seventy-five were found proposing to enter the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church. Of this number only forty needed financial assistance from the Board.

The Board is very desirous, whatever action the General Conference may deem necessary to take in regard to the qualification of applicants for aid from the Board, that they repeat with emphasis the requirements made in Article VII of the present constitution of the Board, which is as follows:

Article VII. The Examining Committee shall be charged with the duty of examining candidates for the ministry who wish to apply to the Board for aid and of exercising supervisory control over such students as receive aid. They shall meet within twenty days from the rise of the Conference and elect a Chairman and Secretary. They shall prepare a form for examining candidates, but shall also satisfy themselves, by any questions outside of this, of the fitness of the candidate, and shall not recommend any person until he has appeared before them and received the votes of a majority of the Committee. They shall send to the Board a list of those recommended in the order of preference and shall keep the Board informed as to the standing and progress of all students aided on their recommendation.

We suggest that Article I, which reads:

"Article I. The General Conference shall elect by ballot, at each of its quadrennial sessions, a Board of Ministerial Education, consisting of four members and a Corresponding Secretary, who shall be a member *ex-officio* of the Board, and all of whom shall be members in good standing in the Methodist Protestant Church. The General Conference shall also elect, at the same time, an Examining Committee of three ministers and two laymen from the vicinity of each of the official colleges of the church," be amended by adding the words: "The ministers to consist of the president of the Theological Seminary or theological department of the college, the president of the college, and the pastor of the college church. The laymen to be chosen from the professors in the seminary or college or from those who sustain some official relation to the college or seminary."

And we suggest that Article VIII be amended by adding the words: "Except upon special recommendation of at least two-thirds of the members of the Examining Committee at the college attended by such beneficiary." The article will then read:

"Article VIII. No beneficiary shall receive more than one hundred and twenty-five dollars in any one year, nor more than a total sum of five hundred dollars, except upon special recommendation of at least two-thirds of the members of the Examining Committee at the college attended by such beneficiary."

And we ask that the General Conference reaffirm with emphasis the

filled the office of Corresponding Secretary, and is justly called the "Father of Ministerial Education in the Methodist Protestant Church." This "man of God" was a remarkable example of self-forgetfulness, of thorough consecration to God and to the work to which the church had called him, of boundless enthusiasm, unfailing tact and almost unceasing labor. There is hardly a church in all our connection that he has not visited; hardly a Methodist Protestant in all the land who did not know him personally. Their names are legion, who, in his death, sustained a personal loss, who testify that it was his impassioned appeals to young people to seek that triple education of body, mind and soul that first awakened in them the mental thirst for knowledge, the desire for college training, and enkindled a holy ambition in them to do more in this life than simply live.

The wise and successful labors of this servant of God make it possible for the church to carry on the work he began and sustained so long, but the church cannot fill his place.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we call your attention to the large increase of means placed at the disposal of the Board during the past years, as compared with the preceeding four years, and also the much larger number of students the Board has been able to aid.

The whole amount of money from all sources coming into the treasury during the four years ending May 15, 1892, was $16,420.06. Of this sum, the balance on hand when the four years began was $453.32, while for the four preceeding years the amount received from all sources was $11,359.95. Of this sum, $1,496.71 was on hand at the beginning of the period, showing an increase of receipts in the four years just closed of $6,103.50. This indicates to us an increased appreciation of the importance of the interests committed to the Board and a proportionate increase of co-operation on the part of the pastors and churches with the Board.

The amount of return payments by beneficiaries for the last four years is $3,628.35, while in the preceeding four years the amount was $1,476.70.

We also call your attention to that part of the treasurer's report which shows the condition of the permanent fund. It now amounts to $5,479.35, an increase of $6,079.35 over last report. Besides this amount, the note of Dr. Fink for $500, given this year, is really a life annuity bearing $30.00 interest annually, and the mortuary notes of Christopher Link and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, amounting to $1,500.00, have been received since the report made to General Conference of 1888. It may also be in place to note in this connection, that the effort to raise a memorial fund of $10,000.00 in memory of Rev. J. B. Walker, has met with a very encouraging response wherever it has been made. The payment of most of the sums pledged to this fund has been conditioned upon the securing of at least $10,000.00. Up to date we have a little over $8,000.00 pledged to this fund, and we regard the success of the movement already assured. The sums paid to beneficiaries and the expenses of the Board for the past four years are set forth in detail in the treasurer's statement.

Ninety-eight beneficiaries have been under the care of the Board during portions of this period, an increase of sixty-two over the previous four

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FOR THE FOUR YEARS ENDING MAY 15, 1892.

	May 15, to June 30, 1888.	To June 30, 1889.	To June 30, 1890	To June 30, 1891.	To May 15, 1892.	Aggregate.
Balance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 453 32
RECEIPTS.						
New York Conference	$ 6 00	$ 52 11	$ 146 00	$ 65 43	$ 107 10	376 74
Onondaga Conference	.....	72 16	89 41	45 88	38 40	245 85
Genessee Conference	3 00	55 56	12 14	10 53	7 36	88 59
New Jersey Conference	.....	45 41	53 80	81 80	79 10	260 11
Pennsylvania Conference	.....	2 75	8 68	4 00	22 26	37 69
Pittsburgh Conference	39 23	272 62	306 81	743 26	531 12	1,893 04
Maryland Conference	3 00	415 95	469 23	1,056 41	509 35	2,453 94
Virginia Conference	.....	.....	.....	1 17	2 45	3 62
West Virginia Conference	.....	89 23	87 79	177 30	22 05	376 37
Muskingum Conference	24 74	211 88	160 18	419 39	228 68	1,044 87
Ohio Conference	12 00	247 02	137 53	291 34	93 21	781 10
Indiana Conference	.....	97 33	71 68	104 85	73 46	347 32
Michigan Conference	.....	101 85	73 81	99 29	48 50	323 45
West Michigan Conference	.....	.....	33 50	44 24	.....	77 74
North Illinois Conference	8 30	76 92	52 25	141 52	58 50	337 49
South Illinois Conference	.....	14 75	19 65	27 26	10 90	72 56
Minnesota Conference	.....	4 25	2 90	.....	2 00	9 15
Iowa Conference	.....	71 92	90 35	151 96	84 38	398 61
Nebraska Conference	2 60	19 31	25 92	27 38	14 70	89 91
Kansas Conference	.....	16 23	28 80	26 67	24 42	96 12
Missouri Conference	.....	6 70	1 50	29 15	3 25	40 60
North Missouri Conference	.....	.....	.....	36 04	20 75	56 79
Tennessee Conference	.....	48	6 31	.....	9 85	16 64
Alabama Conference	.....	12 85	66 20	64 35	40 15	183 55
Georgia Conference	.....	5 00	24 06	42 41	1 77	73 24
North Carolina Conference	.....	.....	12 00	73 50	.....	85 50
South Carolina Conference	.....	.....	6 30	.....	.....	6 30
Mississippi Conference	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Oregon Conference	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Individuals	.....	.....	.....	38 00	25 00	63 00
Receipts from Churches	$ 98 87	$1,897 28	$1,986 80	$3,805 23	$2,058 71	$10,300 21
Beneficiaries	120 00	1,081 85	865 00	737 00	824 50	3,628 35
Interest	.....	429 00	283 00	275 00	274 50	1,261 50
Permanent Fund	.....	.....	105 00	.....	1,125 00	1,230 00
	$218 87	$3,408 13	$3,239 80	$4,817 23	$4,282 71	$16,420 06
DISBURSEMENTS.						
Beneficiaries at Adrian	$140 00	$ 965 00	$1,620 00	$1,794 86	$1,581 25	$ 6,101 11
Beneficiaries at Westminster	272 00	1,170 00	1,100 00	2,123 50	1,126 25	5,791 75
Salaries	66 70	500 00	499 92	400 00	776 64	2,243 26
Traveling Expenses	27 22	148 81	220 21	132 25	182 03	710 52
Print'g, Station'ry, Postage, &c.	2 30	56 46	99 87	27 36	22 42	208 41
Investment—Permanent Fund	.....	.....	111 20	.....	1,000 00	1,111 20
	$508 22	$2,840 27	$3,651 20	$4,477 97	$4,688 59	$16,166 25
Balance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	253 81
						$16,420 06

Respectfully submitted.

May 16, 1892. JOHN H. CLANEY, *Treasurer.*

action of the General Conference of 1888, as found upon page 58 of published *Journal.* It is as follows:

"We recommend that, in the case of beneficiaries who failed to attend to the payment of their notes in a manner satisfactory to the Board, complaints be made to the Conference in which the beneficiary is employed, and that the persistent indifference to these obligations shall be sufficient cause for being deprived of work; that the Board also notify those ecclesiastical bodies to which those beneficiaries who have left our church are responsible for their neglect to refund the money loaned them;" and that in all cases the Board shall annually report to each Annual Conference the financial statement of all beneficiaries within its boundaries.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES C. BERRIEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

J. K. Marthens	$ 103 75
A. E. Mettler	100 00
M. L. Morden	245 00
J. V. Morris	20 00
S. E. Morrison	130 00
P. Myers	100 00
A. H. McClain	93 75
F. M. McConnell	60 00
W. F. McKain	100 00
W. A. Noling	40 00
F. Nichols	93 75
E. F. Nuber	30 00
C. D. Oxley	170 00
W. H. Paine	145 00
F. W. Perkins	43 75
E. G. Shaw	200 00
O. V. Sharrock	20 00
J. C. Sauser	60 00
—— Steele	30 00
B. G. Sutton	20 00
S. Tamblyn	202 50
W. E. Thompson	93 75
F. P. Viele	43 75
R. B. Whitehead	145 00
G. W. Wright	173 75
J. F. Willis	170 00
A. L. Zink	163 75
	$6,101 11

At Western Maryland College.

D. Blake,	$ 75 00
T. S. Cain	20 00
Jas. Cody	125 00
C. M. Day	100 00
D. E. Day	150 00
L. Fisher	82 50
E. S. Fooks	20 00
N. O. Gibson	75 00
M. E. Grant	$ 130 00
J. E. Grant	145 00
A. H. Green	395 00
G. W. Hines	193 75
G. R. Hodge	65 00
J. Herbert	40 00
G. W. Haddaway	25 00
J. H. Jenkins	20 00
W. B. Judefind	90 00
—— Johnson	10 00
F. H. Lewis	175 00
R. K. Lewis	100 00
W. O. Livingston	75 00
R. E. Marshall	100 00
E. C. Makosky	131 25
S. D. Melvin	185 00
U. G. Murphy	193 75
C. K. McCaslin	350 00
C. W. McAllister	145 00
O. D. McKeever	225 00
H. E. Nelson	318 75
C. P. Nowlin	75 00
G. A. Ogg	72 50
W. S. Phillips	125 00
L. R. Randall	318 75
W. R. Revelle	75 00
J. F. Smith	350 00
M. W. Gorden	100 00
J. A. Selby	17 00
G. H. Stockdale	75 00
E. B. Taylor	225 00
R. T. Tyson	225 00
J. F. Valliant	175 00
J. S. Williams	83 50
J. L. Ward	75 00
W. H. Young	40 00
	$5,791 75

JOHN H. CLANEY, *Treasurer.*

(12.) *Report of Committee on Publishing Houses.*

Your Committee on Publishing Houses begs leave to report as follows:

1. Upon the paper of Representative Miller, Nebraska Conference, asking that the Board of Publication print pledge cards for collection for general interests, assess the cost on each Board proportionately, and furnish the cards free to pastors, your committee report adversely.

Permanent Fund of Board of Ministerial Education.

DONORS.

James Hicks, Cincinnati, Ohio	$2,000 00	
Daniel Horne, " "	500 00	
Mrs. Julia G. English, Pittsburgh, Pa.	700 00	
John Sargent, M. D., New Brighton, Pa.	200 00	
John Whetstone, Cincinnati, Ohio	1,000 00	
Mrs. Eliza Sands, Bellevue, Pa.	400 00	
Mrs. R. Barbara Wilson, Emmertown, Md.	5 00	
Mrs. Tamsy A. Reese, Easton, Md	100 00	
Mr. J. C. Hazlett, Keokuk County, Iowa	125 00	
Rev. J. B. Walker, Memorial, (cash paid)	449 35	
		$5,479 35

INVESTMENTS.

Adrian College	$ 200 00	
Mortgage, T. H. Gibson, Sharpsburg, Pa	1,000 00	
13 Shares of Pittsburgh National Bank of Commerce	1,490 00	
17 Shares Monongahela Navigation Co	1,234 80	
Mortgage, W. Hagmaier, Allegheny	1,000 00	
	$4,924 80	
Not invested	554 35	
		$5,479 15

MORTUARY NOTES.

Christopher Link, Paris, Ill	$1,000 00	
Tighlman and Clara Bailey, Colfax, Ind	500 00	
		$1,500 00

LIFE ANNUITY.

Dr. H. H. G. Fink, $500	30 00

Note.—The market value of our stocks has increased largely since the purchase, thus making the aggregate value of our Permanent Fund at present $7,434 15.

Beneficiaries of Board of Ministerial Education During Four Years, Ending May 15, 1892.

At Adrian College:

L. E. Ader	$ 41 25
C. P. Allar	200 00
J. N. Arbogast	93 75
S. P. Busler	100 00
O. G. Blackwell	135 00
J. T. Black	100 00
H. B. Bortel	452 75
George Brown	60 00
J. B. Carder	93 75
R. C. Chembers	200 00
N. Coburn	100 00
G. D. Clark	193 75
C. J. Davis	37 50
G. S. Daniels	$ 100 00
J. B. Everton	100 00
E. Evans	183 75
A. E. Fletcher	20 00
M. N. Tirth	100 00
J. A. Gilbert	163 75
J. N. Harris	20 00
A. O. Horney	263 75
E. M. Hoagland	168 75
C. W. James	70 00
L. C. Kline	60 00
J. L. Knapp	35 86
L. Layman	200 00
W. F. Lemmon	10 00

Our Scholars' Quarterly, circulation, 54,500; 32 pages quarterly; to schools, 3 cents per quarter, 11 cents per year.

Our Bible School Leaf, circulation, 22,166; monthly; to schools, half-cent per month, 5 cents per year.

The circulation of the official papers remain about as in 1888. The circulation of Sunday-school literature has increased about 20,000, being now 129,300, the total issue for the year ending March 1, 1892, aggregating 2,848,960 copies.

The report of the Pittsburgh Directory shows a total business of $160,-637.78, with a net gain of $5,362.09.

The report of the Baltimore Directory shows a total business of $60,108.08, with a net gain of $590.65. It appears from the detailed statements of the directories herewith that the profit is now realized principally from the Sunday-school publications.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. G. CLARKE,
Chairman,
NATHAN JONES,
Secretary.

6. We recommend for adoption the report of the Pittsburgh Book Directory for four years, ending March 1, 1892.

The Pittsburgh Book Directory herewith submits its report to the General Conference relating to the publishing interests of the church.

The receipts for the Pittsburgh Publishing House for the four years were $160,637.78, being an increase of 20 per cent. over the receipts of previous quadrennium.

The net assets of the publishing house were, on March 1, 1892, $53,282.83, against $31,492.38 four years ago, an increase of 69 per cent. Of this increase $5,362.09 represents the profits from the business, the balance coming from the enhanced value of real estate.

In the conduct of the business of the directory, the one thing kept in view has been the circulation of the largest number of denominational and other good publications at the least cost to the church. Profit has always been a matter of secondary importance, and in considering a business matter "will it do good?" has ruled, rather than "will it pay?"

The *Methodist Recorder*, the church paper, had, on March 1, 1892, 5,391 subscribers The receipts from subscriptions for the four years were $29-449.31; from advertisements, $19,215.56, an increase of 18 per cent. as compared with the last quadrennium.

No expense has been spared to give the church the best paper possible.

The cost of running the *Recorder* during the past four years has increased about $600.00 per year for composition; $700.00 for salaries, and $400.00 for paper and sundry expenses, an aggregate of about $1,700.00 per year.

During the year ending March 1, 1892, 4,931 *Methodist Recorder* subscriptions were paid, the average amount received being $1.46. The majority of the subscriptions were at the club rates, eleven copies for $15.00, $1.36 each.

The operating expenses of the paper were $12,479.86, or on an average $2.62 each for paying subscriptions. Subscribers who pay $1.50 for a year's subscription get what costs $2.62. This is made possible by the receipts

2. Upon the petition of the Ohio Conference, that all Conference minutes, blanks, &c., used by the Conferences be uniform in style, and be printed by our own publishing houses, your committee report affirmatively, and recommend that, so far as practicable, all work of this character be done by our own publishing houses.

3. Upon the petition of the Ohio Conference, that the pastors' blank used in that Conference be adopted and published in the Discipline, your committee reports adversely.

4. Upon the petition of the North Illinois Conference, that a Branch Book Concern and Publishing House be established in the West, and suggesting Kansas City for such location, your committee begs leave to report that they deem it unwise and inexpedient to establish such Branch Concern at the present time.

5. Your committee recommends the adoption of the report of the Board of Publication, as follows:

Your Board of Publication submit to the General Conference the following report for the quadrennium ending March 1, 1892:

During the quadrennium only one meeting of the Board has been held; this was held in Baltimore, May 19, 1892.

We submit herewith the report of the Directories, showing the business done during the four years, and the condition of each Directory at the close of each year. No changes have occured in the membership of the Board during the quadrennium. No change has been made in the price of any of the publications.

The *Methodist Protestant* was enlarged in 1889, to sixteen pages.

In 1889 it was believed by the Board that a paper of an intermediate character between the official organs and *Our Morning Guide* would be of service to the church. To meet this demand the Board authorized the publication of *Our Young People*, a four page paper weekly, at 60 cents per year for single copies; 50 cents per year to schools, ten or more copies to one address.

The purpose of this paper was to reach the young people of the church and supply information and entertainment not furnished by the official organs and the Sunday-school publications. The support given to this paper up to the present time has not been as strong as the Board expected, the subscription list being now about 5,000.

The publications at present are as follows:

Methodist Protestant, published in Baltimore; $2 per year; clubs, $1.50

Methodist Recorder, published in Pittsburgh; $2 per year; clubs, $1.50

Our Young People, circulation, 6,084; weekly, 60 cents per year single copy; 50 cents per year to schools, ten or more copies to one address.

Our Morning Guide, circulation, 11,800; weekly; 80 cents per year single copy; 36 cents per year to schools.

Our Children, circulation, 27,000; weekly, illustrated; a paper for the little ones; 40 cents per year single copy; 15 cents per year to schools.

Our Teachers' Journal, circulation, 7,750; 64 pages; quarterly; single copy, 50 cents per year; to schools, 10 cents per quarter, 35 cents per year.

chase, and maturing in 1898. We have been desirous of having this indebtedness paid before General Conference, and tendered the $8,000.00 to the holders of the mortgage, but they were unwilling to accept payment. We then bought a mortgage for $8,000.00 on property worth about $20,000.00, running three years at six per cent., and if we are unable to exchange this for the mortgage on the property of the directory the money can and should be kept invested until the other mortgage matures in 1898, when one will meet the other.

The *Tribute of Praise* has been used in our church for ten years. The aggregate sales to March 1, 1892, have been, music edition, 24,240 copies; word edition, 17,738 copies; total, 44,978 copies.

The directory owns the stereotype plates from which the two editions are printed, but pays a royalty of ten cents per copy on music edition and two and a half cents per copy on word edition to the estate of Dr. Eben Tourjee.

Writings of Rev. Nicholas Snethen. The directory recently purchased the manuscript writings of Rev. Nicholas Snethen, embracing his biography, sermons, addresses and other papers. These valuable documents will be held for future publication.

The Thomas New Fund. This fund, amounting to $1,797.46, is properly carried on the books of the directory as a liability, the money being used in the business and appearing in the "cash in bank" in assets.

In 1885 Rev. Thomas New, of Florida, made a bequest to this directory to be used in supplying books and periodicals to individuals and Sunday-schools unable to purchase them. A fund of this kind will aid the directory in helping to establish new Sunday-schools, thus doing valuable home missionary work. It is to be hoped that friends with means may be prompted to add to this fund We know of no way in which money may be expended with better results.

We append to this report the tabulated statements as to the business and condition of the directory, as furnished by our publishing agent, carefully examined by us and audited by committee.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION, MARCH 1, 1892.

ASSETS.

Book room property, (carried on books at)	$40,000.00
Type and material in printing office	1,046.57
Stereotype plates, (two editions "Tribute of Praise," "Bassett's History" and "Stockton's Sermons" cost about $3,000.00; carried at	582 17
Engravings (2,335 electros)	800 00
Bills receivable, notes	178 72
Printing paper	76 85
Furniture and fixtures, store and offices	465 56
Suspended accounts valued at	254 20
Stocks and securities	280 00
Copyright Snethen's works	100 00

from advertising, which were $5,217.57 last year, giving a small margin of profit. This explanation is for the benefit of those friends who ask for a cheaper paper.

Over 50,000 specimen copies were sent out during the year.

The Sunday-school Periodicals. The receipts from this department for the four years were $65,849.40, an increase of 55 per cent. over last four years. The *Quarterly* increased 30 per cent., the *Journal*, 40 per cent. and *Leaf* 30 per cent., *Guide* and *Children* being about the same as at the beginning of term.

The *Quarterly*, *Our Children* and the *Jonrnal* rank in the order named in the matter of profit. The *Guide* comes out about even, while *Our Young People* falls about $500 00 a year behind. This paper has not received the support that was anticipated. The help that it is giving to the Christian Endeavor movement may justify the expenditure necessary to maintain it. The paper is well spoken of, but its chief support comes from the Christian Endeavor Societies, the Sunday-schools of the church failing to give the patronage that was expected.

The book room business shows an increase of seven per cent. over previous four years, with a profit of $306.00, as against a small loss for previous term.

The general book business has been in an unsatisfactory condition for some years past, and in now making "ends meet" we have been more fortunate than some of our neighbors and other denominational houses. It is but proper to say that the book business has not received the same attention that has been given to other interests which were regarded as more important in every way.

There has not been as much publishing of books and pamphlets as there should be. This is more important to the church in every way, as well as more profitable than selling the books of other houses.

The publishing house property has enhanced considerably in value during the past four years, and would probably sell for $50,000.00 at the present time. It is carried in our list of assets at $40,000.00. The building is an old structure, originally the parsonage of the First Church, not adapted for business purposes. Our publishing business needs more room and better facilities. A modern building of four or five stories, worthy of the location, would give us the space and improvements we need, and would also give considerable space which could readily be rented, bringing in good revenue. Such an improvement would probably have been made during the past four years, but for a resolution adopted by the General Conference of 1884, owing to the fact that there is a reservation in the deed on the property, by which the First Methodist Protestant Church, of Pittsburgh, retains the right to enforce the sale of the property, in conjunction with its own property adjoining, *provided*, it should be advantageous to sell the two pieces of property conjointly rather than separately. As the First Church has now disposed of its property by lease for at least twenty-five years, it is hoped and believed that this obstruction to building will be removed before long.

There is a mortgage for $8,000.00 on book room property given for part of purchase money in 1873, payable in twenty-five years from date of pur-

Interest and dividends	$ 772 64
Year Book	201 62
Waste paper	100 74
Rentals	1,297 75
*Increase 20 per cent.	
Total receipts	$160,637 78
Books and merchandise on hand March 1, 1892	9,248 25
Add increased value of book room property	20,928 36
	$190,814 39

RECEIPTS BY YEARS.

Year ending March 1, 1889	$38,508 66	
" " 1, 1890	40,164 21	
" " 1, 1891	40,656 43	
" " 1, 1892	41,308 48	
Total, four years		$160,637 78

EXPENDITURES.

Books bought and published	$35,036 45	
Printing paper for periodicals	26,983 66	
Press work	12,933 97	
Printing office	21,291 59	
Editors' salaries and contributors	16,077 62	
Business department, salaries and wages	14,213 06	
Posting and mailing expenses on all periodicals	6,881 05	
Postage stamps	2,664 59	
Sundry expenses	4,464 83	
Advertising	639 95	
Taxes, insurance	2,956 87	
Traveling expenses	752 12	
Type and printing material	1,918 21	
Engravings for Sunday-school periodicals	1,414 64	
Interest and discount	102 53	
Year Book	412 79	
Donations to churches and schools	707 18	
Bad accounts charged to profit and loss	798 67	
Repairs to building	472 57	
Furniture and fixtures	219 59	
Interest on mortgage	1,920 00	
Premiums and commissions	1,409 61	
Copyright on *Tribute of Praise*	662 13	
Rebate to Baltimore House	136 31	
Total expenditures		$155,069 99

*Compared with previous quadrennium.

Accounts receivable for books	$1,707 24		
" " advertising	1,349 40		
		$ 3,056 64	
Book and other merchandise		9,248 25	
Cash in bank		6,990 33	
Total assets			$63,080 29

LIABILITIES.

*Mortgage on book room property, maturing June 1, 1898	$ 8,000,00	
Thomas New Fund	1,797 46	
		9,797 46
Net assets		$53,282 83

*Since March 1, the directory has bought a mortgage for $8,000.00 which will be exchanged for this mortgage, or if this cannot be done will be held to pay the other at maturity.

Receipts and Expenditures, March 1, 1888, to March 1, 1892. Four Years.

RECEIPTS.

Methodist Recorder subscriptions year ending March 1, 1889	$ 7,926 21	
Methodist Recorder subscriptions year ending March 1, 1890	6,755 90	
Methodist Recorder subscriptions year ending March 1, 1891	7,529 42	
Methodist Recorder subscriptions year ending March 1, 1892	7,237 78	
*Decrease 8 per cent.		$29,449 31
Methodist Recorder advertisements year ending March 1, 1889	$ 4,570 75	
Methodist Recorder advertisements year ending March 1, 1890	4,713 67	
Methodist Recorder advertisements year ending March 1, 1891	4,713 57	
Methodist Recorder advertisements year ending March 1, 1892	5,217 57	
*Increase 18 per cent.		19,215 56
Sunday-school periodicals year ending March 1, 1889	$14,142 51	
" " " " 1, 1890	16,483 57	
" " " " 1, 1891	17,048 52	
" " " " 1, 1892	18,174 80	
*Increase 55 per cent.		65,849 40
Book sales year ending March 1, 1889	$11,179 76	
" " " 1, 1890	11,700 02	
" " " 1, 1891	10,794 54	
" " " 1, 1892	10,079 44	
*Increase 7 per cent.		43,750 76

A TABLE

Showing Receipts for Papers and Books by Pittsburgh Directory from the principal Conferences for year ending March 1, 1892. Receipts by mail for papers and books only. Sales of Book Room and advertising receipts not included.

Conferences.	Receipts for Year.
Pittsburgh	$4,983 02
Muskingum	3,790 18
Ohio	2,876 79
Indiana	2,121 57
Iowa	1,747 21
Michigan	1,545 98
West Virginia	1,478 45
North Illinois	1,354 63
Onondaga	909 46
Kansas	902 48
Missouri	741 64
West Michigan	724 83
New York	655 93
South Illinois	576 52
New Jersey	557 55
Genesee	364 60
Washington	311 72
Pennsylvania	311 27
Nebraska	298 01
North Missouri	129 19
North Carolina	128 05

All Conferences from which $100.00 have been received during the year are included in this list.

Respectfully submitted. WM. MCCRACKEN, JR.,
PITTSBURGH, April 15, 1892. *Publishing Agent.*

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Nathan Jones and John Gregory, auditors, appointed by the Pittsburgh Book Directory, report that they checked over and proved the trial balance of the ledger and carefully examined the statement of assets and liabilities, and find everything to be in accord with the report made by the agent of this directory. We regard the system and method of keeping the accounts as strictly in accord with the best business usuage and perfectly adapted to the business of the concern.

NATHAN JONES,
JOHN GREGORY,
PITTSBURGH, April 30, 1892. *Committee.*

Books and merchandise, March 1, 1888			$ 9,453 95
*Good will			4,500 00
Profit from business	$ 5,362 09		
Increased value of book room property	20,928 36		
		$26,290 45	
*Less good will item assets deducted by action of General Conference of 1888		4,500 00	
Increased net assets			$ 21,790 45
			$190,814 39

Circulation of Methodist Recorder by Conferences.

(Cash Subscriptions only; Free Copies not Counted.)

	March 1, 1892.	March 1, 1888.
Muskingum	874	1,059
Pittsburgh	738	674
Ohio	565	602
Iowa	544	440
Indiana	464	580
North Illinois	402	415
Missouri and North Missouri	279	183
Michigan	219	266
Onondaga	197	299
Kansas	178	182
West Virginia	150	128
West Michigan	130	113
Nebraska	112	82
South Illinois	109	101
Genesee	95	114
New York	58	73
Pennsylvania	43	58
New Jersey	32	33
Minnesota	26	47
Miscellaneous	176	350
	5,391	5,829

Circulation of Periodicals.

Published for the Church by the Pittsburgh Book Directory, for Year Ending March 1, 1892.

	Total No. Printed During Year.	Average Each Issue.
Methodist Recorder	358,500	6,894
Our Children	1,404,000	27,000
Our Morning Guide (weekly)	613,600	11,800
Teacher's Journal	31,000	7,750
Scholar's Quarterly	218,000	54,500
Lesson Leaf	265,992	22,166
Our Young People	316,368	6,084
Total printed during year	3,207,460	
Average circulation		136,194

Methodist Protestant advertisements year ending March 1, 1891	$ 1,801 71	
Methodist Protestant advertisements year ending March 1, 1892	1,580 36	
		$ 7,904 73
Sunday-school periodicals year ending March 1, 1889	$ 4,689 11	
" " " " 1, 1890	4,940 89	
" " " " 1, 1891	5,415 07	
" " " " 1, 1892	5,630 00	
		$20,675 07
Book sales year ending March 1, 1889	$ 1,270 69	
" " " 1, 1890	903 05	
" " " 1, 1891	800 22	
" " " 1, 1892	660 14	
		$ 3,634 10
Interest year ending March 1, 1889	$ 212 50	
" " " 1, 1890	153 29	
" " " 1, 1891	182 07	
" " " 1, 1892	153 92	
		$ 701 77
		$60,108 08

RECEIPTS BY YEARS.

Year ending March 1, 1889	$15,155 32	
" " 1, 1890	15,121 47	
" " 1, 1891	15,016 98	
" " 1, 1892	14,854 31	
		$60,108 08

EXPENDITURES.

Books, stationery, &c	$ 1,061 36	
Printing paper	6,384 36	
Press work	2,645 18	
Composition	11,371 59	
Salaries	9,031 50	
Postage and mailing expenses	6,264 19	
Commissions and discounts	4,087 52	
Sunday-school periodicals	14,191 51	
Rent, fuel and light	2,000 00	
Postage stamps and sundry expenses	1,376 58	
Sundry accounts	1,621 59	
		$60,035 38

W. J. C. DULANY,
Agent.

8. We recommend the preparation by our publishing houses of the following record books and blanks.

(1) "Pastors Record of Church Membership," to contain properly lined and spaced pages for "Membership," "Probationary Membership," "Marriage," "Baptism" and "Burial," and that such record shall contain both an alphabetical and a chronological list of members.

Report of the Baltimore Book Directory.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, MARCH 1, 1888, TO MARCH 1, 1892. FOUR YEARS.

ASSETS.

Office furniture and store fixtures	$ 75 00	
Merchandise (books, stationery, printing paper)	174 08	
" (accounts receivable)	2,222 17	
Due from subscribers to *Methodist Protestant*	1,471 00	
" advertisers	313 46	
" doubtful accounts, $1,091.12, at 20 per cent	218 24	
Stocks and other securities	2,400 00	
Cash on hand and in bank	1,544 73	
		$8,418 68

LIABILITIES.

Accounts payable		744 37
Net assets		$7,674 31
Net assets, March 1, 1888		4,369 38
Increase		$3,304 93
Of this increase there is profit in the quadrennium	$ 590 65	
Item of amount due subscribers stricken out of report	2,714 28	

NOTE.—The item of good will, $4,500, was stricken out of the report of directories, in accordance with action of the last General Conference.

Circulation of the *Methodist Protestant*	4,013
Sunday-school periodicals	28,360

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH 1, 1888, TO MARCH 1, 1892. FOUR YEARS.

RECEIPTS.

Methodist Protestant subscriptions year ending March 1, 1889	$ 6,752 10	
Methodist Protestant subscriptions year ending March 1, 1890	6,792 50	
Methodist Protestant subscriptions year ending March 1, 1891	6,817 91	
Methodist Protestant subscriptions year ending March 1, 1892	6,829 90	
		$27,192 41
Methodist Protestant advertisements year ending March 1, 1889	$ 2,190 92	
Methodist Protestant advertisements year ending March 1, 1890	2,331 74	

before us. Having gotten some information outside of these papers concerning this matter, we recommend that the boundaries of these districts remain as they are, and would suggest to Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conferences that they endeavor to come to some mutual agreement on the proposed changes and report to next General Conference.

2. Papers were before us asking for a division of the Georgia District (colored.) Having received information concerning the inconvenience of the work as it now is, we recommend division as follows: All that part of the State of Georgia north of Pine mountain to be constituted North Georgia Mission District (colored) and that portion of the State of Georgia, not included in North Georgia District (colored) be constituted South Georgia District (colored.)

3. Baltimore District (colored.) We recommend that it embraces the States of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia and the District of Columbia.

4. Fort Smith District. We recommend that its boundaries remain unchanged.

5. We recommend changes in boundaries of North Carolina and Virginia Districts as follows: North Carolina District to embrace the entire State of North Carolina and Spring Church Station and Greenville Circuit in Virginia, and Virginia District to embrace all of the State of Virginia not included in the Maryland and North Carolina Districts, and that portion of the former state east of the Cumberland mountains; also the counties of Pike and Litcher in Kentucky.

6. We recommend that the boundary lines of the New York District remain as they are.

7. In the matter of boundary line between North and South Illinois District be made to embrace all that portion of the State of Illinois lying north of the Great Western railroad, (now Wabash) including the counties of Pike and Calhoun lying west of the Illinois river; and that South Illinois District include all of the State of Illinois not included in the Northern District

8. Concerning district lines between Mississippi, North Mississippi and Louisiana Districts we recommend the following:

Mississippi District shall embrace that portion of the State of Mississippi south of a line across the state from the north-east corner of Attala county; thence in a north-western direction to the north-east corner of Montgomery county; thence west to the Mississippi river; also that part of the State of Louisiana east of the Mississippi river. North Mississippi District shall embrace that portion of the State of Mississippi not included in the Mississippi District. Louisiana District shall embrace all of the State of Louisiana except that which is included in the Arkansas and Mississippi Districts.

9. We recommend that the Kansas District embrace the entire State of Kansas.

10. We recommend the recognition of Indian Mission Conference as a mission district, and that its boundaries embrace all of Indian Territory except No-Man's Land and that portion included in Fort Smith Mission District.

11. A paper from brethren representing our Annual Conference in the State of Florida was before us asking admission into the General Conference.

(2.) "Register of Qualified Members" to be properly lined for the record of qualified members and to be in the custody of the Quarterly Conference, corrections of this record to be made only by the Quarterly Conference.

(3.) A blank form for certificates of dismissal from church membership.

(4.) That the ritual adopted by the General Conference be printed for use of pastors and congregations.

9. We recommend that the following be added to item 10, page 103: "Should assistance in editorial work become necessary, because of impaired health or any other cause, such assistance shall be secured for the official papers through the respective directories, and for the Sunday-school papers through the Board of Publication."

10. We recommend that the directory at Pittsburgh be authorized to lease, sell, improve or otherwise make such disposition of their property as in their judgment may be for the interest of the Methodist Protestant Church.

11. The directories at Pittsburgh and Baltimore having worked harmoniously together during the quadrennium now closed, we recommend that the same business relations be continued, and we re-affirm the authority of the Board of Publication over all Sunday-school literature.

12. We recommend the following as members of the directories: Baltimore—Rev. J. T. Murray, Rev. Frank T. Little, Jno. G. Clarke, Horace Burrough, J. W. Hering; Pittsburgh - Rev Jno. Scott, Rev. F. A. Brown, W. P. Herbert, Nathan Jones, Wm. K. Gillespie.

13. WHEREAS, We have learned with pleasure that Rev. E J. Drinkhouse has in contemplation the preparation of a history of the Methodist Protestant Church, based upon original research and comprehensive of the whole period of our existence,

Resolved, That we heartily commend this enterprise, and recommend that, when prepared, the manuscript be submitted to the Board of Publication.

14. Upon the petition that pages 193 and 194 in Discipline be on a folding leaf we report adversely.

15. Your committee desire to express the feelings of this Conference with regard to our late publishing agent at Pittsburgh, Wm. McCracken, Jr He has been connected with that concern for nearly twenty years, and for more than eight years has been our agent. He has conducted the affairs of the directory with signal ability and in all the trying circumstances of his position has acquitted himself with honor, and in parting with his services we do so with regret, and desire his success and prosperity wherever his lot may be cast.

T. B. GRAHAM,
Chairman,
W. K. GILLESPIE,
Secretary.

(14.) Report of the Committee on Boundaries.

Your Committee on Boundaries offer their report, which is as follows:

1. Papers from Pittsburgh Conference and certain points in West Virginia Conference, asking for a change in the boundaries of their district, were

17. The South-west Texas Mission District shall embrace all that portion of the State of Texas south and west of the Colorado District and west of the Texas-Gulf Mission District.

18. Your committee would further report that satisfactory evidence of the organization of the Arkansas Conference (colored) having been presented, we recommend that it be recognized as a mission district, and that it embrace the entire State of Arkansas.

19. Concerning the status of certain districts or mission districts—First. Alabama (colored.) We recommend that Alabama District (colored) be recognized as a mission district and commended to the fostering care of the Alabama Conference, and that it embrace the entire State of Alabama.

Second. Charleston District (colored.) In reference to this district the committee find that item 15, report of Committee on Boundaries, General Conference 1888, as follows, was adopted: That the churches of Methodist Protestants in South Carolina be authorized to organize a separate Conference if they elect. The committee find that the colored people did so organize, under the direction of the President of the Maryland Annual Conference. Beyond these facts we have no information. We therefore recommend that it be recognized a mission district, embracing the entire State of South Carolina.

20. A memorial from the Oregon Conference, praying this General Conference to change the name from Oregon to Washington and Oregon District. We recommend the change.

21. A memorial adopted by the Quarterly Conference and endorsed by 137 members of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Elizabeth, New Jersey, together with a brief history of said church, was before the committee.

The memorial requests that the First Methodist Protestant Church of Elizabeth, New Jersey, be transferred to the Maryland Annual Conference. The messenger bearing the memorial stated that the intention in the word transfer was that this church be placed in the Maryland District. We therefore recommend that the boundaries of the Maryland District be changed as to include Elizabeth, New Jersey.

22. Your committee recommends that all boundary lines of districts not affected or changed by the foregoing report remain as at present defined in the Book of Discipline.

M. L. JENNINGS, *Chairman*, W. S. WILSON,
F. T. LITTLE, GEO. W. POGUE,
C. A. CECIL, W. C. WHITAKER,
J. L. SCARBOROUGH, *Laymen.*
Ministers.

(15.) *Report of Committee on Education.*

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The Committee on Education begs leave to make the following report:

Having considered, as fully as time and circumstances would permit, the several papers and propositions referred to us, we gladly avail ourselves of

We recommend recognition, and that the Florida Mission District embrace the entire State of Florida.

12. Brethren from Texas have requested the setting off new districts in that territory. We therefore recommend the following:

First. That Texas District embrace that portion of the State of Texas from Red river at north-east corner of Grayson county; thence south with east line of Grayson county to corner of Collin county; thence west with Collin county line to the Houston and T C. railroad; thence south with said railroad, including the depot towns on said railroad, to the northern line of Dallas county; thence east to north-east corner of said county; thence south with east line to Trinity river; thence down said Trinity river with its meanderings to the northern line of Liberty county; thence east with southern line of Tyler county to Sabine, on the Sabine river; thence following state line to place of beginning.

13. Second. That Central Texas District shall embrace that portion of the State of Texas beginning on Trinity river at northern line of Liberty county; thence up the river to south-east corner of Dallas county; thence north to north-east corner, west to north-west corner; thence south to south-west corner; thence west with southern line of Tarrant and Parker counties to Brazos river; thence down said river to the Austin branch of the H. & T. C. R. R.; thence in an easterly direction, including the towns of Hempstead and Midley; thence with northern line of Liberty county to the place of beginning.

14. Third. That Colorado (Texas) District shall embrace that portion of the State of Texas beginning at north-west corner of Mitchell county; thence south to south-west corner of said county; thence east to the Red fork of Colorado river; thence down said river to north-western line of Colorado county; thence with said line and with northern line of Austin county to the Brazos river; thence up said river to southern line of Parker county thence west with southern line of Palo Pinto and other counties to place of beginning.

15. Fourth. North west Texas Mission District shall embrace that portion of Texas beginning on Red river at north-east corner of Grayson county; thence south with county line to corner of Collin county; thence west to the H. and Central Texas R. R.; thence south with said railroad to northern line of Dallas county; thence west to corner of Tarrant county; thence west with southern lines of Tarrant, Parker, Pala Pinto, Stephens, Shackleford, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Bordon, Dawson and Gaines counties to the New Mexico line; thence north with state line to beginning, including Grear county and No-Man's Land.

16. Texas-Gulf Mission District shall include all of Texas within lines beginning at mouth of Pedro creek, on Rio Grande river; thence east on Southern Pacific railroad to the line of Colorado county; thence with western line of same and northern line of Austin county to Brazos river; thence east via Hemstead and Midley to northern line of Liberty county; thence east with said county line and northern line of Harden county, and on to Sabine river; thence down said river to the gulf, and with the gulf to the Rio Grande river, and up the river to the beginning.

the West, through its duly authorized agent, a corporation of which F. H. Pierpont is president; H. J. Heinz, vice president; H. G. G. Fink, treasurer, and D. S. Stephens, secretary.

The Board of Trustees appointed by the last General Conference to take such steps toward the organization of an institution of learning in the west as might be deemed advisable met soon after their appointment to consider a proposition in this direction made to them by certain parties interested in the development of Kansas City, in the State of Kansas.

As the members of this Board were widely scattered over the country, it was decided by your Board to appoint a committee to become an incorporated body, to be known as the Crystal Spring Land Company, to act in their stead, empowering this body to negotiate for lands and monies and take such steps as might be necessary to get the enterprise under way. This body became duly incorporated, and in pursuance of the purpose of its creation bought and paid for ten thousand dollars worth of lands.

The original offer contemplated the purchase of the tract of land on which the college site was to be located by our people, after which the Kansas City people were to donate certain additional lands for the creation of an endowment fund for the institution.

The financial reaction occurring in the summer and fall of 1890, caused by failure of crops and other circumstances, stopped the rapid growth of the city, on which the success of the enterprise largely depended. As a result, this corporation deemed it inadvisable to go further at that time on the plan then proposed

A few weeks ago the same parties who made the first offer approached us with a new and much more favorable offer. They now propose to offer to us twenty acres for a site and one hundred or more acres additional, proceeds from the sale of which are to go to the creation of an endowment fund, said land to be deeded to us in fee simple when a building or buildings, costing not less than $25,000, shall be erected. Seventy acres of this amount are now reported as being secured, and the remaining fifty or more they expect to have ready in a short time.

We believe the offer to be one that is full of promise to our church and one that is entirely within our reach. We present this offer, which has been placed in our hands, to the General Conference for its endorsement. If sanctioned by the General Conference, we shall endeavor to go on and erect the buildings required, have the lands deeded, as proposed, for the use of an institution of learning, to be managed by the Methodist Protestant Church, and as soon as the preliminary work of gaining possession of said lands, and putting them in shape for the use of the institution, and erecting said building or buildings is completed, turn over the same to the management of the Board appointed for that purpose by this Conference.

If the General Conference views with favor the opening thus presented to us as a church, we recommend that it approve and endorse our acceptance of the offer made by the Kansas City people when the terms they propose are fully complied with, and that it also reappoint a Board of Trustees to receive and control the institution as soon as the preliminary arrangements with regard to the securing of lands and erection of buildings are effected.

this opportunity to give expression to the feelings of gratitude awakened by the very evident growth of interest in education and educational enterprises. The conviction that we must educate denominationally, if we would retain our young people in our church, is becoming more general and intense, and we are indeed glad that it is so. The denomination that fails to provide for the mental as well as the moral culture of those committed to its care can expect only impoverishment in both members and influence, and ultimate extinction. We must educate or die.

Your committee finds that there are two institutions of learning in the possession and under the control or special patronage of the Methodist Protestant Church, viz.: Adrian College, located at Adrian, Michigan, and Western Maryland College, at Westminster, Maryland.

Adriau College. To this institution the church at large holds, through the General Conference, a very special and intimate relation; and this it does because its articles of incorporation commits to the General Conference the election of four-fifths of its Board of Trustees, and by this means the General Conference can determine the tone and character of its work.

The work of the institution during the past quadrennium has been increasingly satisfactory, and many of its alumni are now filling positions of trust in literature, pedagogies, law, medicine and, best of all, in the ministry of the Gospel; and we are glad to be able to say that the outlook for the college is full of promise with regard to growth in the various departments of its work; and this is especially the case in the department of work so full of interest to us all—that of ministerial education, a work on which so much depends of vital importance to us as a denomination.

The executive officer of the college, J. F. McCulloch, in his communication to the General Conference, suggests that the number of trustees be made less, the number now elective by the General Conference being twenty-four. On this matter, as your committee is informed, neither the trustees nor their executive committee have expressed any opinion officially. Any recommendations, therefore, from this General Conference, especially if expressed authoritatively, on this subject seem to your committee rather premature It does not appear to us that we ought, as the matter now stands, to do more than refer the matter to the trustees for their consideration at their next session.

Your committee recommend a hearty ind rsement of the movement to establish a gymnasium and encouragements in the direction of high physical culture.

Your committee would recommend that the following persons be elected as trustees to fill the vacancies occurring at this session of the General Conference: J. W. Hering, O. C. Clark, J. A. Thrapp, G. B. Hamilton, J. H. Hawkins, H. J. Heinz, U. H. Lane, D. Metcalf, M. R. Palmer, G. G. Westfall, R. E. Fox, G. B. McElroy.

Kansas City University. Your committee has also considered the following paper, which for general information we submit in full as part of our report.

Report of the Board of Trustees appointed by the General Conference of 1888, for the purpose of the establishment of an institution of learning in

gymnasium was the gift of Miss A. R. Yingling, one of our first graduates. A telescope, equatorially mounted, was contributed by two of our trustees, Messrs. Starr and Grimes. A transit instrument was given by two other trustees, Messrs. Topham and Burrough. Dr. Chas. Billingslea contributed the money with which a primary school was built as a memorial to his son. From Rev. J. T. Ward we received the ninth edition of the Encyclopædia Brittanica and Appleton's Cyclopædia with the full set of Annuals. Mr. W. J. C. Dulany gave us a valuable case of general reference books, and about $1700 has been contributed in various ways, which has been invested as the nucleus of an endowment fund. The above aggregate about $15,000.

Students. We have nearly doubled the roll reported to the last General Conference, and our present number is 243. The significant fact about this is that it is an increase without any extra effort. Scarcely any advertising has been done and no agent employed in the last four years. But our growth kept pace with our ability to provide the accommodations. Even now we could secure more students if we had room for them. Compelled to pay our own way to a large extent, we have to build by slow and labored efforts.

Buildings. We now have a main building 274 feet front; Ward hall, 60 feet front and four stories high; Yingling gymnasium, President's home and Levine hall on our campus. It is difficult to estimate the value of college buildings, but we regard the valuation of $100,000.00 as moderate for what we own at this place. On this property there is a debt of $13.000.00.

Finances. We have no endowment except the sum mentioned above. It has been sometimes stated that we do have an indirect endowment in an appropriation from the State. But this is incorrect. The State simply sends twenty-six students here and pays ordinary rates for them. The scholarships are always filled, and the only profit to the college is in having an assured patronage to that extent. What has been done with our income is now seen on our campus. True, it has cost the faculty something in reduced salaries to accomplish what can now be seen, but we are confident the time is near when they too will reap a reward.

Needs. First of all the college needs to feel that our people are to be relied on to use it in the education of their children. We could almost promise to do without endowment, if we could be assured that the church will not yield to the clamors of competion and send us their children at reasonable rates.

But there are some immediate needs which may be supplied without calling for large gifts. Our library should be replenished, and the sum of $200.00 will fill a case which will bear the donor's name. A gift of $2,5000.00 will provide a free scholarship for a candidate for our ministry, covering expenses of both board and tuition. Five thousand dollars will build us a chapel, very, much needed and offering grand opportunity to identify some name with the salvation of our best boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. LEWIS,
President.

The following paper was referred to your committee:

WHEREAS, Bro. Vincent Ferguson submitted to the Muskingum Annual Conference, at its last session, the generous proposition to convey to the

Adopted by the act of said Crystal Spring Land Company at a meeting in Pittsburgh, on May 17, 1892.

D. S. STEPHENS,
Secretary.

Your committee submit the following:

WHEREAS, A corporation, of which F. H. Pierpont is President; H. J. Heinz, Vice President; H. G. G. Fink, Treasurer, and D. S. Stephens, Secretary, known as the Crystal Spring Land Company, which corporation is the authorized agent of the Board appointed by the last General Conference, reports that certain parties in Kansas City, Kansas, offer to convey to said corporation 120 acres or more of land for use as an institution of learning for the Methodist Protestant Church, on condition that a building or buildings costing not less than $25,000 be erected on the same, additional buildings to be erected as necessity requires and means allow in the judgment of the Board controlling the institution, therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church give its endorsement to the acceptance of this offer when the 120 acres or more have been secured; further,

Resolved, That a Board of twenty trustees to succeed those appointed by the last General Conference shall be selected, who shall receive and control said institution when the preliminary conditions are fulfilled by the Kansas City people and the corporation as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the twenty trustees required by the foregoing resolution be the following: From Kansas City—C. H. Chapin, A. W. Little, S. S. King, Geo. W. Miller, Chester Bullock, members of Methodist Protestant Church. From Kansas Conference—T. J. Sheppard, Kansas; J. H. Luse, Kansas; W. S. Hendricks, Kansas; J. S. Davis, Kansas From Missouri Conference—J. F. Howe. From North Illinois Conference—A. H. Widney, Cuba, Illinois. From Iowa Conference—W. Huddleston. From those connected heretofore with enterprise—F. H. Pierpont, Fairmont, W. Va.; H. J. Heinz, Pittsburgh, Pa.; D. S. Stephens, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Nathan Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; H. M. Myers, Beaver Falls, Pa.; H. G. G. Fink, Springdale, Pa.; T. J. Prosser, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. C. Smith, St. Louis, Mo.

Western Maryland College. Your committee take great pleasure in the manifest advancement of Western Maryland College in buildings, in appliances and efficiency, in the increase of students, and especially in the able management of its President, T. H. Lewis. We commend that institution to the encouragement of the entire church, as true and loyal to all the distinctive principles or our church, and purely orthodox in doctrine, and hail it as a power for good.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

Since my last report to the General Conference, Western Maryland College has proceeded along the lines marked out in that paper with gratifying success.

Gifts. Several substantial gifts have come to us. A President's home was built at the expense of Baker Brothers, of Buckeyestown, Maryland. A

patronage of the Conferences in the States of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, has a good building, and an endowmont of over $12,000.00, and is entirely free from debt. It will have for the next year a faculty of four teachers, three of whom are graduates of Adrian College, and all are members of the Methodist Protestant Church. It is commended to the General Conference for such recognition as its relation to our denominational interests may make necessary.

Yadkin College, established by the North Carolina Conference, is still continuing to do work that cannot fail to tell for good to the church and community, and your committee cheerfully commend it for favorable notice

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. B. McElroy, J. M. Hadley,
W. S. Hammond, J. D. Grant,
F. H. M. Henderson, C. W. Henkle,
J. W. Thompson, D. Smith,
A. L. McKeever, H. H. Vick.

(16.) Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations would respectfully submit the following report:

We hail with gladness the growing sentiment among all Christian denominations of fraternity and Christian sympathy for each other, and we regard the Methodist Protestant Church as having been in the forefront of religious denominations in manifesting a fraternal spirit and a true Christian fellowship for all religious denominations; and we wish as a church to especially commend and express our appreciation of the Evangelical Alliance and the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, for we regard these great movements as a means of unifying the forces of the Christian world against the common enemy, vice and sin.

Concerning the paper giving a synopsis of the Ecumenical Conference, held in Washington, D. C., last autumn, which was referred to your committee by this body, we would report that we approve of the sentiment expressed in its contents and hereby declare ourselves in favor of these Conferences, for we regard them as a wise means to a noble end.

We wish to express our appreciation of the fraternal greetings from the United Brethren Church, borne to this body by the Rev. I. Baltzell and presented in such a genial and brotherly spirit, and we recommend that a minister and layman be elected by this body to bear the fraternal greetings of the Methodist Protestant Church to the General Conference of the United Brethren Church, held in Dayton, Ohio, May next.

We also reciprocate the fraternal greeting from Mr. Wm. R. Barry, President of the Associated Independent Methodist Churches, of Baltimore, and hereby extend our fraternal greeting to those churches.

Methodist Protestant Church a valuable tract of land, comprising fifteen acres, located near West Lafayette, Ohio, on condition that the same be made the seat of an institution of learning, the grade and proportions of which to be determined by the church; and,

WHEREAS, The aforesaid Annual Conference, by resolution, expressed its appreciation of the proposition and appointed a committee to take such action in the case as it might deem most wise; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference give the prospective enterprise recognition and encouragement.

W. L. WELLS,
J. A. THRAPP,
M. YINGLING,
Committee.

Your committee respectfully commend this enterprise to the favorable recognition of the General Conference, and express the hope that it may meet with encouragement sufficient to make it a first-class academic institution.

A paper from Rev. J. T. Ward, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, has been submitted to your committee, giving a statement of the work done by the seminary during the past quadrennium, its present condition and its outlook. Your committee very gladly avail themselves of this opportunity to express their gratitude in the growth of and good work done by the seminary, and at the means adopted to enlarge and to make still more efficient the work done and instruction given; and we recommend that the institution be commended by the General Conference to the patronage and support of all the churches interested in it.

The following papers were submitted to your committee, (*a* and *b*):

Your committee recognize in these plans for the organization of Methodist Protestant institutions another evidence of the growth of the conviction among our people that, if we would retain our young people, we must educate them in schools distinctly and avowedly denominational. And there is still another, and perhaps a stronger reason for the opening and fully equipping such schools—that is through them we may secure a ministry that for the culture and training will, in every element of ministerial work and character, compare favorably with the ministry of any of our sister churches. Your committee would recommend that the plans proposed in the foregoing papers be approved. At the same time your committee would respectfully beg leave to utter a word of caution and warning against the premature and unnecessary multiplication of church schools.

The following prospective educational enterprises were presented in full to the committee: Lipscomb College, Waco, Georgia, by Rev. G. R. Brown and F. H. M. Henderson; a college in Texas by Revs. W. G. Veal, T. J. Garrison, Thos. Aaron, J. J. Bond, H. B. Cox and Bro. D. P. Hollen. Your committee commend these enterprises to the favorable recognition of the General Conference, and would further recommend that the Annual Conferences be cautious and very thoughtful in the matter of multiplying colleges.

Gittings Seminary at La Harpe, Illinois, is an institution under the

(18.) Report of Committee on Revision.

1. In a proposition of J. T. Murray to change the form of application for membership, page 51 Discipline, the committee did not concur.

2 and 3. In a proposition of E. M. Lockwood to change Section 1 of Article on "Admission to Membership," page 51, committee did not concur.

4 and 5. In a proposition of Theo. Cocheu to change form of "Admission to Membership, page 51, the committee did not concur.

6. In a proposition of W. C. Miller to submit an overture to strike out probationary membership the committee did not concur.

7. In a proposition of John Scott to submit an overture on eligibility to office the committee did not concur.

8. In a proposition of John Scott to substitute for Section 8, page 64, the committee did not concur.

9 and 10. In a proposition from J. T. Murray to amend paragraph 2, page 52, and paragraph 3, page 33, the committee did not concur.

11. In a proposition of J. T. Murray to amend Section 4, page 67, by striking out "Methodist Protestant Church," in lines 1 and 2, and insert "of the Methodist Protestant Church" after "Quarterly Conference," in line five, the committee concurred.

12. In a proposition from E. M. Lockwood to amend article on baptism, pages 123 and 124, the committee recommended a reference to Committee on Ritual. Laid on table.

13. In a proposition from E. M. Lockwood to amend article on Christian Duties, pages 45-81, the committee did not concur.

14. A proposition from F. H. M. Henderson and D. S. Stephens to amend the Lord's Prayer, recommended referred to Committee on Revision. Laid on table.

15 and 16. In a proposition from E. M. Lockwood to amend section on "Duties of Class Leaders" and for an overture to amend Section 3, Article VIII, Constitution, the committee did not concur.

17. In a proposition of F. T. Little and T. H. Lewis to amend paragraph 31, page 77, the committee did not concur.

18 and 19. In proposition from J. T. Murray to amend section 2, page 64, and section 3, page 62, the committee did not concur

20 and 21. In proposition from C. W. Stephenson to amend section 6, page 116, and constitute a musical committee the committee did not concur.

22. A proposition from M. L. Jennings to amend part 8, page 18, was recommended referred to Committee on Course of Study. Laid on table.

23. In a proposition from G. G. Westfall and W. S. Wilson to amend Section 3, page 115, and Section 1, page 116, the committee did not concur.

24. A proposition from Jno. Scott to amend item 2, page 52, committee withdrew.

25. In a proposition from Jno. Scott to amend item 2, page 82, the committee did not concur.

26. A proposition from Jno. Scott to amend ninth line, page 133, was laid on the table.

27. In a proposition from J. T. Murray to amend paragraph 3, page 116, the committee did not concur.

Also we wish hereby to express our gratitude to Rev. T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, and to the faculty and students of that institution for the genial greeting and painstaking effort in entertaining this body in so kindly and fraternal a manner.

Concerning fraternal greetings to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, now in session, we recommend the paper referred to your committee be adopted.

Resolved, That this body elect one minister and one layman to bear the fraternal greetings of the Methodist Protestant Church to the next official Conference of that church.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on Fraternal Relations, consisting of President and Secretary of General Conference, for the purpose of receiving any proposals of union coming from any other denomination, to be by it communicated to the next General Conference.

W. H. BENTLY,
J. O. A. RADFORD,
E. T. MOLYNEUX.

(17.) *Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools.*

1. Believing that there is no denomination nor house that furnishes better Sunday-school helps and literature than is furnished by our own, we would urge that every pastor and superintendent use his utmost influence toward the adoption of "our own" Sunday-school journals, helps and literature.

2. Your committee desire to express the hign appreciation of the work of the editor of the Sunday-school periodicals, the Rev. J. F. Cowan, and appreciate the high degree of excellence to which they have been raised through his untiring efforts.

3. We recognize the pastor of the church as pastor of all Sunday-schools on his charge, and believing that union Sunday-schools are impracticable, we recommend that each pastor be urged to organize all schools under his charge into Methodist Protestant Sunday-schoools.

4. We recommend that in each Sunday-school a full roll of members be kept, with the date of admission into the school, and that suitable record and class books be provided for this purpose.

5. We suggest the propriety of the Board of Publication issuing, in connection with the lesson helps now in use, an intermediate scholar's quarterly, to fill the vacancy existing between *Our Children* and the advanced *Quarterly*. (Referred to Board of Publication.)

A. H. WIDNEY, *President*, A. L. STINARD,
G. R. SWIFT, *Secretary*, THEO. COCHEU,
J. F. DYER,

Committee.

45. In a proposition from W. G. Veal to amend Article 2, Section 1, the committee did not concur.

46. *Resolved*, That the word "society" in Article 4, page 115, be stricken out and the word "church" inserted, and in all other parts of the Discipline where the word society is used to mean the church it be stricken out, the word church inserted. The committee did not concur.

Referred to Committee on Revision of Discipline for publication.

(19.) Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to present the following report.

We recommend to substitute for items 1 and 2, of "Duties of Stewards," Discipline, page 116, the following:

1. As soon as practicable after the rise of the Annual Conference, there shall be a meeting of the official members of the charge to ascertain and fix the pastor's salary and current expenses of the year and apportion the same to the several churches.

2. It shall then be the duty of the stewards and class leaders of each church to apportion the same among the members according to their ability or willingness to pay, as per our church government; or, if preferred, the amount each member is to pay may be determined by subscription. After the appointment is thus made a report of the same shall be submitted to the church for its adoption.

3. It shall be the duty of the stewards of each church to procure a suitable book, prepared for the purpose, and keep a financial register, in which the names of all members shall be enrolled. This book shall be ruled with columns to show opposite each name the amount apportioned or subscribed, and to give credits to each one as payments are made either weekly or monthly.

It is recommended that weekly payments be made in stations and monthly on circuits.

4. That item 3 of "Duties of Stewards," Discipline, page 116, be numbered four.

5. The stewards or treasurer of each church shall furnish each month in stations, and at the end of each quarter on circuits, a statement showing the condition of his or her apportionments or subscription. A suitable blank is herewith appended.

No. 3. Quarterly Statement, Methodist Protestant Church.

May 25, 1892.

Mr. John Jones: Your subscription or assessment for the

Quarter ending May 15, is	$2.00
Your payments have been, April 20, ...	1 00
Balance due	$1 00

John Murphy,
Treasurer.

N. B. Prompt payments are needed.

28. Page 21 and 22, "Powers of Annual Conferences," include Section 3 in Section 2 and make the numbers following to conform to the change. The committee concurs. Adopted.

29. Page 62, Section 3, in line 7, after the words "committee of" insert "five, composed of ministers and laymen, who shall constitute the committee of." The committee concurs. Adopted.

30. A proposition from E. M. Lockwood to restrain Annual Conferences from delegating power to station preachers was laid on the table.

31. In a proposition from J. T. Murray to define power of parsonage trustees the committee did not concur.

32 and 33. Propositions from J. T. Murray relating to Course of Study and empowering Board of Publication to remove editors laid on the table.

34. On page 104, under head of general agents, add the following: "3. In case of vacancy in the editorship of either of the official organs the respective directories shall have power to fill such vacancy." Adopted. Proposed by J. T. Murray (in place of 33.) Ruled by the Chair, in answer to inquiry of T. B. Appleget, that it could not be interpreted to confer power of removal.

35. A proposition of J. T. Murray to amend Section 2, page 86, laid on the table.

36. A proposition of J. T. Murray to amend Section 4, article 4, page 97, laid on the table.

37. In a proposition from D. C. Wees and A. L. McKeever to establish a two months' probation the committee did not concur.

38. In a proposition from W. S. Hendricks to amend Section 7, page 100, the committee did not concur.

39. In a proposition from H. B. Cox, R. T. Pickens and W. C. Hammer for Annual Conference Vice-Presidents the committee did not concur.

40. J. D. Kinzer and W. M. Strayer recommended the following on page 76, Section 25: Strike out the phrase "from twice the number to be elected," and substitute two lines below the words "majority of all the votes cast" for the words "greatest number of votes." The committee concurred. Adopted.

41. In a proposition from E. M. Lockwood to amend Article 2, Section 1, the committee did not concur.

42. C. W. Stephenson proposed that the Discipline, page 115, Section 4, shall be so amended as to insert after the word "whatsoever" the following: "Nothing in the foregoing shall be so construed as to give the trustees any right to infringe upon the rights of pulpit in preaching the gospel or general church work." Committee did not concur.

W. M. Strayer proposed: Add to item 41 "provided the trustees shall not deny the use of the church to any band of Christian work recognized by this General Conference." Substitute for above item. Adopted.

43. We recommend the following overture: Amend Article 6, Section 1, of the Constitution as follows: Insert the words "Presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies" after Sabbath-school superintendents, in place of 43, withdrawn. Adopted.

44. A proposition from W. L. Wells, J. W. Thompson and C. J. Yingling to amend Section 3, page 67, the committee concurred. Rejected.

(21.) Report of Expenses of Committee on Articles of Religion.

We report the following expenses incurred by the committee, viz.:

L. W, Bates, traveling expenses	$ 2 60
" printing "	1 25
" postal correspondence	1 11
A. W. Robertson, traveling expenses	7 50
T. J. Ogburn, " "	12 00
J. J. Smith, " "	13 80
T. H. Lewis, " "	
Total	$38 26

Respectfully,
L. W. BATES,
Chairman.

Ordered paid by Board of Publication.

(22.) Report of Committee on Sabbath.

WHEREAS, There is a prevalent disposition on the part of many people in this country to substitute for the Christian observance of this day of rest what is termed the "Continental Sabbath"—a name signifying a weekly holiday—characterized by unrestrained indulgence in all sorts of so-called recreations and amusements, embracing the lowest and vilest forms of dissipation, a day also on which all who wish may carry on all kinds of trade and traffic the same as on other days; and,

WHEREAS, This class of people is being constantly enlarged by the stream of immigration from those countries where the Christian Sabbath has long since ceased to be observed and to exert its influence; and,

WHEREAS, The evident disposition of the managers of the Columbian Exposition or World's Fair, to be held in Chicago in 1893, is in the direction of throwing open that exhibition to the public on the Lord's day, thus acting as a tremendous force towards destroying respect for an observance of the Sabbath; therefore,

Resolved, That we call upon all Christians to unite in protest against this tendency to Sabbath desecration, to insist upon the observance of existing Sabbath laws and work toward the enactment of such other laws as will tend to a better observance of the sanctity of this day of rest.

Resolved, That we earnestly insist upon such action by the managers of the World's Fair as shall secure the closing of the exposition upon the Sabbath, and that we call upon all Christians to withhold their support and patronage, both as exhibitors and patrons, if this purpose to desecrate the Sabbath is persisted in.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Honorable Commissioners of the World's Fair, as a protest of the Methodist Protestant Church, assembled in a representative capacity, against an act which we believe to be inseperably connected with consequences most ruinous.

It shall also be the duty of the stewards to call on each delinquent and collect the amount due.

6. That items 4 and 5 in "Duties of Stewards," Discipline, pages 117 and 117, be numbered 6 and 7 respectively.

D. G. HELMICK, *Chairman*, S. C. GRESSLY,
W. HUDDLESTON, *Secretary*, G. B. HARRIS,
W. G. VEAL, MRS. M. J. MORGAN.

(20.) Report of Committee on Temperance.

With pleasure and pride we call attention to the fact that the Methodist Protestant Church has always stood at the front of the most advanced thought and movement on the great question of temperance.

Her General and Annual Conferences have ever assumed the most aggressive attitude against the crime of intemperance, and we believe that in the great struggle that is now upon us, and in which the moral and Christian forces of the nation and the world are now engaged, she will not prove false to her history nor recreant to her trusts.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. We insist upon total abstinence for the individual and the entire suppression of the traffic.

Resolved, 2. We require all our pastors to use unfermented wine in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, 3. That any minister or member who makes, sells, signs a petition or votes for license to sell, uses or gives to others to use as a beverage any spirituous or malt liquors, is guilty of immorality and shall be dealt with accordingly.

Resolved, 4. That Christian men should so use their suffrage to secure the entire suppression of the traffic for the State and Nation.

Resolved, 5. That we hail with joy the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and other societies, and pray God's blessing on their multiplied agencies for the suppression of the traffic and the modification of evils resulting therefrom.

Resolved, 6. That we protest against the sale of intoxicating drinks in any form or under any pretext at the Columbian Exposition, and that the President and Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to the World's Fair Commissioners.

Resolved, 7. That we call upon all our Legislatures, both state and national, to pass such laws as will protect humanity from the sale, transportation, exportation and importation of all intoxicants as a beverage.

Signed.

J. R. BALL,
WEBSTER M. STRAYER,
J. J. BOND.

the Methodist Protestant Church to-day. Our need is a more aggressive, expansive policy.

We point with pride to the work of the Board during the past four years. In its infancy and with very little means, it has hopefully gone forward with its work, supporting the weak and entering and planting new missions in new territory. It has done, perhaps, as great an amount of work on as small capital as any Board of the church. A number of promising churches are now in existence that would not have been alive had it not been for the watchcare and aid of this worthy servant of the church.

We commend the wise, economical management of the funds and churches under the care of the Board by Secretary Stout. His faithfulness and untiring energy has been a great blessing to the church. Seventeen churches have been under the care of the Board and have received aid from the Board to the amount of $7,840.38. The whole amount of money raised by the Board is $19,697.48, $1,148.72 of which is a permanent fund.

We recommend:

1. That the women of the church organize Home Mission Societies and that the Corresponding Secretary be required to prepare a suitable constitution for the same.

2. That with gratitude for help in the past, the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor be asked to contribute an average of one cent a week per member for Home Mission work.

3. We also recommend that the mite boxes used by the children be continued.

4. The Secretary of the Board is directed to use his best endeavor to establish a permanent fund by bequest, mortuary note and otherwise.

5. We recommend the following persons to constitute the Board: Rev. H. Stackhouse, Indiana Conference; Rev. S. A. Fisher, Muskingum Conference; Rev. D. S. Stephens, Ohio Conference; Rev. W. M. Strayer, Maryland Conference; W. A. Strickler, West Virginia Conference; N. Jones, Pittsburgh Conference; Fletcher Chambers, Muskingum Conference; Rev. M. L. Barnett, West Virginia Conference; J. H. Hawkins, Muskingum Conference.

Financial Statement of Board of Home Missions.

RECEIPTS.

For year 1889	$2,496 38	
" 1890	4,018 51	
" 1891	4,146 07	
" 1892	4,437 29	
		$15,098 25
Amount received for permanent fund from various sources to April 26, 1892		1,148 72
Amount paid by missions as salary to missionaries to May 14, 1891		1,763 11
From May 14, 1891, to April 26, 1892		1,889 83
Amount raised for Sunday-school purposes		727 36
" by the young people's societies		51 79
		$20,679 06

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the basis of the American Sabbath Union, in that it declares that the Christian Sabbath is of universal and perpetual obligation, and that we pledge to it our co-operation in all practicable ways as a church in its endeavors to preserve the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship.

F H. M. HENDERSON, W. K. GILLESPIE,
D. S. STEPHENS, D. BAKER.
E. J DRINKHOUSE,

(23.) Report of Committee on Course of Study.

Candidates for license to preach will be required to pass a satisfactory examination in English Grammar, General History, Doctrines of the Bible and the History and Polity of the Methodist Protestant Church.

We recommend the following as a course of study and reading to those who are candidates for the ministry:

First Year—Old Testament Theology, Homiletics, Systematic Theology, Apologetics and Mental Science

Second Year—New Testament Theology, Pastoral Theology, Systematic Theology, Dogmatics and Moral Science.

Third Year—Systematic Theology, Ecclesiology, Natural Theology, Church History and Eschatology and the History of Doctrines.

Where a more advanced course is not provided by the Annual Conference, the following course shall be mandatory: Systematic Theology, (Binney and Raymond); Scriptural History, Helps to the Reading of the Bible, (Nichols); Church History, (Fisher); History and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, Pastoral Theology and Manual of Parliamentary Rules; and no man shall be ordained in any Conference who does not reach an average of seventy per cent. in these studies.

The following (see Discipline page 185).

Agreed to by all members of the committee. F. T. TAGG,
Chairman.

(24.) Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your committee would respectfully report. We believe the ever widening Home Mission field to be one of the most profitable elements of strength within the bounds of our church work. If we become strong and aggressive and expansive at home, it will make us strong abroad. In the language and example of our Savior, "Let us go into the next towns," and preach the word there also. There are many "next towns" and communities imploringly reaching out their hands to us, and which we might profitably enter with our republican church government, if we only had the meaus. Never were grander opportunities before any church than there are before

week annually, and enrolling their names in a book kept for that purpose by Rev. A. H. Widney, of Cuba, Illinois. The funds thus raised shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and kept separate from other funds. The money to be paid on or before the first day of August each year.

Signed by the committee.

J. F. HENKLE, J. W. MURPHY,
WARNER MILLS, EUGENIA F. ST. JOHN,
THOS. AARON, BENJAMIN STOUT.
W. S. HENDRICKS,

(25.) *Report of Special Committee on Plan of Annual Conference Sessions.*

Your committee, appointed to consider the matter of devising a plan by which all of the Annual Conferences may have representatives of the general interests at each of their sessions, reports as follows:

Finding nothing in the Book of Discipline that authorizes the General Conference to fix time and place for the meeting of the Annual Conferences, this being left with the Annual Conferences themselves, and further, finding no other method, or way, or means by which the object sought may be attained, we can only recommend that the several Annual Conferences, at their next regular session, take under advisement and, if deemed advisable, act upon such plan as these general agents may suggest to them for the accomplishment of this end.

J. A. THRAPP, GEO. S. WILLS,
OLIVER LOWTHER, H. M. MYERS,
H. G. VEAL,

Committee.

(26.) *Report of the Committee on Journals.*

Your committee respectfully reports that it has carefully examined the *Journals* of the several Annual Conferences, except the following, which did not come into its hands, viz: Boston, Baltimore (colored), California, Colorado (colored), Fort Smith, Spring Creek (colored) and Minnesota Mission Conferences, and the South Carolina Conference.

While most of the Conferences sent up excellent *Journals*, either written or printed, we regret to say that several were very imperfect and unsatisfactory, and we regard it of great importance that some means should be adopted to insure improved methods in those Conferences in the keeping of their records, and sending their *Journals* for examination, as required by the Discipline. We therefore recommend:

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid missionaries in 1889	$1,155 00	
" " 1890	2,012 50	
" " 1891	2,640 00	
" " 1892	2,032 88	
Amount paid Corresponding Secretary as salary for four years	3,358 33	
Amount paid Corresponding Secretary for traveling expenses	1,294 67	
Amount paid Corresponding Secretary for convening Board for four years	199 99	
Amount paid Corresponding Secretary for stationery, printing, premium books, &c	339 33	
Amount paid Treasurer on account of salary	200 00	
" missionaries to May 14, 1891	1,763 11	
" " April 26, 1892	1,889 83	
" for mission Sunday-schools	727 36	
" the young people's societies	48 79	

LOANS OUT OF PERMANENT FUND.

Grafton Church, West Virginia	$ 400 00	
Magnolia Church, Arkansas	200 00	
Norway Church, Indiana	225 00	
Pay purchase for two lots in Elkins, West Virginia	98 64	
Ashboro Church, North Carolina	58 00	
		$18,643 43

STATISTICAL REPORT.

No. of mission churches	11
" members	575
" Sunday-schools	14
" " scholars	1,096
" parsonages	5
Rental value of parsonages	$ 536 00
Value of church property	56,700 00
Debt on church property	9,510 00
Insurance on church property	20,900 00

Salary of missionaries for April, 1892, is not included in the foregoing report.

The papers referred to the committee from Ex-Governor Pierpont were considered, but we could not see that it would be an improvement on the present plan.

The paper from Rev. Washington, of South Carolina Conference, (colored,) was left in the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, as it properly belonged to them.

By a motion, the following plan of Rev. A. H. Widney, of Illinois, was indorsed for the purpose of building churches. The plan is that any person can become a contributor by paying the sum of at least three cents a

(*1.*) *Overture.*

(NOT ADOPTED; PRINTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY.)

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1884, by direction, and the General Cenference of 1888, by clear implication, declared female ordination to be contrary to the law of the Methodist Protestant Church; and,

WHEREAS, The next General Conference may reverse the action of this General Conference on the subject, leaving the question still in doubt; therefore,

Resolved, In order to settle the question beyond dispute, that the President and Secretary of this General Conference be and they are hereby instructed to send down to the various Annual Conferences before their next session the following overture, to be substituted for the first sentence of item 2, Article VIII of the Constitution:

"The General Conference shall consist of an equal number of ministers, either male or female, and laymen, either men or women."

JNO. SCOTT, J. T. MURRAY,
G. B MCELROY, E. M. LOCKWOOD.

SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED.

Thos. B. Appleget presented the following as a substitute, and stated that by consent of Rev. Jno. Scott and Rev. E. M. Lockwood, he moved the previous question, which was sustained, and the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church, on May 16, 1877, in order to form a union with the Methodist Church, did adopt a resolution which had been adopted by the General Convention of the Methodist Church, on May 15, 1877, in words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the matter of suffrage and eligibility to office be left to the Annual Conferences respectively, provided that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to representation in the same ratio in the General Conference, and provided that no rule shall be passed which shall infringe the right of suffrage or eligibility to office.

And the joint Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church did at once adopt this resolution without change as its organic law of suffrage and eligibility, as Article XII of the Constitution, and this sixteenth General Conference, by its deliberate action in refusing to unseat the representatives elected by the Annual Conferences of Kansas, Iowa, Indiana and West Virginia, has declared that the right of the Annual Conferences respectively to determine the eligibility of any person for office, as confessed by said Article XII, has remained and is now unrestricted and unimpaired, and can only be limited when two-thirds of the Annual Conferences have enacted positively such limitations, and it is thought desirable by many members of this Conference that the Annual Conferences shall be asked to consider such limitation; therefore,

Resolved, That these two amendments are submitted by overture to the Annual Conferences:

1. That the Secretaries of the several Annual Conferences forward each year a certified copy of the *Journal* to the Secretary of the General Conference, who shall preserve and forward the same to the General Conference.

2. That such Conferences as make the printed minutes their official *Journal* should have them printed on good paper with pages of uniform size, and require the Secretary to preserve duplicate certified copies, and from time to time have them substantially bound in volumes of convenient size.

3. That such Conferences as keep their official *Journals* in writing keep them in substantially bound books and on good paper.

HUGH STACKHOUSE, *Chairman*,
W. R. BEARD, *Secretary*,
J. A. SARTIN,
S. P. WEAVER,
THOMAS MCKEE,
B. STOUT,
S. MCCLAIN,
L. D. STULTZ,
J. W. MURPHY,
A. E. MURPHY.

(27.) *Report of Committee on Catechism on Discipline.*

The committee to whom was referred a paper presented by representative Rev. F. T. Little, of Maryland, and entitled "A Catechism on the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church," begs leave to report as follows:

We are of the opinion that this paper, if published in proper form, would supply a long felt want of the church, and we recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Board of Publication.

W. S. HAMMOND,
W. A. BUNCH,
J. F. FULTON.

(28.) *Report of Committee to Nominate Incorporators.*

Your committee to nominate fifteen persons to secure an act of incorporation for the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and who shall be trustees under said act, begs leave to present the following names:

J. W. Hering, Rev. J. D. Kinzer, Rev. F. T. Little, T. A. Murray, Rev. W. M. Strayer, Joshua W. Miles, Rev. J. T. Lassell, Horace Burrough, Maryland; Rev. D. S. Stephens, Ohio; Rev. J. W. Thompson, Muskingum; H. W. Reeves, Pittsburgh; W. S. Wilson, Illinois; Rev. S. S. Stanton, Indiana; Rev. W. A. Bunch, North Carolina; Theo. Cocheu, New York.

WM. S. HAMMOND,
W. L. WELLS,
H. M. MYERS,
Committee.

that their pretty city, bright homes and delightful fellowship will be placed among the fairest pictures to hang on memory's wall, to consult with pleasure.

Too much credit cannot be given the Committee of Entertainment for their courtesy and kindness.

Especially do we wish to commend the chairman of the committee, Rev. A. D. Melvin, pastor of the church of this place, who has so faithfully labored to make our stay here exceedingly pleasant.

3. We are thankful to the Baltimore daily papers for their fairness and faithfulness in reporting the proceedings of this body and the space given in their columns in honoring the proceedings of this General Conference.

4. We are grateful to President J. W. Hering for his patience, impartial ruling and gentlemanly courtesy while presiding over this Conference.

5. We also wish to express our thanks to Secretary J. F. Cowan and his assistants, Bros. Stultz and Fleming, who have been faithful and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

6. We are thankful to the railroad companies for granting us reduced rates over the roads to this place, and we are especially grateful to the managers of the trunk line association for their kindness in this respect.

7. We also hereby extend our thanks to the active and faithful pages, Masters Willard Melvin, J. D. Grant, Jr., and Ezra Hollon, who have so cheerfully served the members of this Conference.

W. H. BENTLY,
E. T. MOLYNEAUX.

(2.) *Resolution Empowering President of General Conference to Select Place.*

Resolved, That the President of the General Conference shall be empowered, in conjunction with the Board of Publication, to appoint a place for the meeting of the General Conference, in default of its reception by the place selected.

The word "other" to be inserted between "no" and "person" in the paragraph of the Discipline defining the President's powers.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE.

1. Amend Article XII by adding: "And provide that no Annual Conference shall elect a woman to the office of elder."

2. Amend Article XII by adding: "And provided that no Annual Conference shall elect a woman as representative to the General Conference."

(2.) *Overture to Seat Presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies in Quarterly Conferences.*

Item 43 of report of Judiciary Committee.

We recommend the following overture: To amend Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution as follows: Insert the words "Presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies" after "Sabbath School Superintendents."

(3.) *Overture to Elect Stewards.*

Item 2, report of Judiciary Committee.

Shall the third paragraph under head of "Station and Circuit Stewards," be changed so as to read: "The station and circuit stewards shall be elected annually in the stations by the qualified members, including ministers and preachers, and in the circuits and mission by societies, each society electing its own stewards, provided that each society shall have at least one steward?"

(1.) *Resolutions of Committee on Fraternal Relations.*

Your committee to whom was assigned the important duty of expressing thankfulness to the many people who have directly contributed to the success and well being of this body, finds it a very difficult task to convey in language sufficiently expressive of the deep gratitude we feel toward the many who have denied themselves and have so faithfully labored to make this session of the General Conference a pleasant and an enjoyable occasion.

1. We wish to express our keen appreciation and deep gratitude to the citizens of Westminster for their genial welcome and earnest devotion to the entertainment of the members of this body. Though coming as strangers, and many of us travel-stained and weary, the welcome extended to us, the bountiful hospitality provided, and the precious "home cheer," so dear to all hearts, thrown around us, we forget that we are strangers and far from home, and are made to feel that we are among the dear ones of the Divine Father's great family.

We believe this devotion and these kind acts on their part to be an index of their love for the great and noble cause we represent.

2. We do most heartily thank the people of Westminister, and declare

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. II—FINANCIAL (A.)

(Statistical tables Nos. II, III and IV are inserted by the Secretary, under the authority given him by the Conference to perfect the statistics before publication. Nothing covering this ground was compiled by the Committee on Statistics. These tables were prepared by Rev. John Gregory, and published in the *Methodist Recorder* of Dec. 26, 1891. We are also under obligations to Rev. F. T. Tagg, editor of the *Methodist Protestant* for data furnished.)

CONFERENCES.	CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.			
	For Pastors' Salaries.†	For Home and Foreign Missions.‡	For Sunday-schools.	Whole am't for all purposes raised by Churches and Sunday-schools.
Alabama.*	$ 4,677	.....	.....	$ 5,261
Alabama Mission, Colored*	263	$ 3	$ 3	341
Arkansas	3,613	253	.....	4,512
Arkansas Mission, Colored	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore Mission, Colored	690	.....	.....	990
Central Texas	2,662	304	.....	5,630
Charleston Mission, Colored	385	34	65	794
Colorado Texas*	1,713	182	.....	1,927
Colorado Texas Mission, Colored*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida Mission	242	6	40	302
Fort Smith Mission*	826	.....	.....	.....
Genesee	4,218	103	303	8,868
Georgia	2,336	264	.....	3,013
Georgia, Colored	737	90	25	871
Indian Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana	16,417	626	1,429	33,074
Iowa	9,279	545	854	17,462
Kansas*	6,547	170	712	10,297
Kentucky*	647	.....	15	664
Louisiana*	662	.....	12	.....
Maryland	55,890	6,999	.....	140,673
Michigan	16,535	490	1,556	35,716
Minnesota*	514	78	16	.....
Mississippi	2,500	40	25	2,565
Missouri	5,000	50	50	.....
Muskingum	27,942	3,345	3,106	49,094
Nebraska	1,324	63	281	2,181
New Jersey	12,882	595	2,971	34,703
New York	9,895	423	1,417	15,674
North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Illinois	9,582	677	993	16,052
North Mississippi	313	8	.....	321
North Missouri*	2,415	161	36	.....
Ohio	18,403	1,215	2,496	39,609
Onondaga	10,939	262	559	15,568
Oregon	3,012	126	288	5,331
Pennsylvania	2,483	134	296	5,254
Pittsburgh	33,066	3,015	5,003	70,109
South Carolina	458	41	35	816
South Illinois	3,880	184	280	8,119
Tennessee	680	61	.....	.....
Texas	2,312	220	40	.....
Virginia	930	30	.....	960
West Michigan	5,868	348	615	9,398
West Virginia	15,258	717	1,491	28,010
Boston Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....
California Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring River Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, Dec., 1891	$298,995	$21,862	$25,012	$574,159

*From minutes of last year or from last Year Book.
†Includes also President's salaries, where given.
‡Includes W. F M. S., also Sunday-school collections for missions.

Report of Committee on Statistics.

Statistical Table No. I Numerical.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.	Itinerant Ministers.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.	Members.	Probationers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Valuation of Church Property.
Alabama	25	41	4,272	139	86	4	$ 68,355 00
Alabama, Colored	8	.....	480	4	6	.....	830 00
Arkansas	34	57	5,310	.....	82½	4	23,000 00
Arkansas, Colored	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore, Colored	16	10	238	.....	.....	7	.....
Central Texas	55	51	2,682	.....	13	1	14,920 00
Colorado Texas	44	.....	1,255	144	4	6	3,508 20
Colorado Texas, Colored	21	11	567	17	10	2	1,980 00
Charleston, Colored	12	16	1,250	140	17	.....	.....
Florida	10	.....	265	84	11	.....	2,500 00
Fort Smith	34	14	1,245	10	9	.....	2,470 00
Genesee	15	6	718	15	13½	9	40,700 00
Georgia	30	13	2,705	60	48	.....	23,400 00
Georgia, Colored	28	35	1,078	42	27	.....	11,990 00
Indiana	60	70	7,934	144	114½	19	1,462 80
Iowa	48	22	3,950	.....	64	22	80,900 00
Indian Mission	40	5	700	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas	46	34	2,458	15	23	8	35,250 00
Kentucky	15	15	1,968	71	8	.....	.....
Louisiana	10	6	1,800	.....	30	.....	5,000 00
Maryland	130	68	18,861	1,434	256½	76	10,553 30
Michigan	44	69	2,919	79	65	27	117,517 35
Minnesota	10	.....	137	.....	5	1	.....
Missouri	32	52	2,740	42	40	9	29,550 00
Mississippi	45	24	2,151	54	61	2	11,000 00
Muskingum	63	55	12,274	170	142⅔	17	276,225 00
Nebraska	3	10	487	21	7	3	7,900 00
New Jersey	44	.....	3,107	148	37	13	149,750 00
New York	29	20	2,090	40	26	11	150,520 00
North Carolina	42	71	15,002	171	187	9	132,666 00
North Illinois	59	.....	2,219	23	49⅔	19	82,200 00
North Missouri	21	29	2,073	2	17½	3	13,650 00
North Mississippi	25	.....	1,059	8	19	.....	3,800 00
Ohio	53	48	6,184	319	93	24	218,842 74
Onondaga	48	7	2,116	89	35½	25	51,645 00
Washington and Oregon	5	4	191	20	3	1	66,900 00
Pennsylvania	17	11	1,268	8	19¼	5	39,600 00
Pittsburgh	63	54	7,257	178	85	24	4,289 50
South Carolina	15	11	2,000	.....	30	2	17,590 00
South Illinois	14	30	2,881	100	42½	9	40,900 00
Tennessee	17	.....	1,743	.....	34⅓	.....	15,500 00
Texas	31	.....	2,244	22	21⅓	6	13,360 00
Virginia	18	25	2,943	41	24	.....	15,860 00
West Michigan	35	20	1,144	66	24½	14	38,175 00
West Virginia	71	103	15,306	.....	186	30	157,825 00
West Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	1 485	1,125	141,271	4,120	2,181¼	405	$3,551 359 29
Totals of *Methodist Recorder* table, Dec. 26 1891, which are much more satisfactory and reliable than the above	1,511	1,073	156,473	4,035	2,070	401	$3,742,398 00
Total lay and ministerial membership	.....	.....	165,162	.....	.....	.....	.....

156.473
4.035
1.073
1.511
63.092

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. IV—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CONFERENCES.	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers and Officers.	Number of Scholars	Number of Our Own Periodicals Used.	Number of Other Periodicals Used.
Alabama*	43	147	1 562	863	.....
Alabama Mission, Colored*	2	8	115	.....	.....
Arkansas	39	136	1,336	.....	.....
Arkansas Mission, Colored	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore Mission, Colored	6	6	115	.....	.....
Central Texas	13	68	445	103	.....
Charleston Mission, Colored	18	56	535	100	.....
Colorado Texas*	3	8	120	.....	98
Colorado Texas Mission, Colored*	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida Mission	8	12	120	20	20
Fort Smith Mission*	16	68	800	43	.....
Genesee	17	197	1,018	441	105
Georgia	20	76	852	181	.....
Georgia, Colored	26	72	668	180	.....
Indian Mission	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana	113	908	5,499	2,492	.....
Iowa	69	625	2 145	2,161	.....
Kansas*	50	498	2,508	1,249	.....
Kentucky	14	40	285	4	.....
Louisiana*	21	58	494	96	.....
Maryland	238	2,997	21,407	16 412	.....
Michigan	104	869	2,155	1,035	1,560
Minnesota*	10	60	263	201	.....
Mississippi	30	104	742	.....	.....
Missouri	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Muskingum	142	1,543	8,989	12,840	.....
Nebraska	26	231	982	403	185
New Jersey	38	571	3 889	4,032	.....
New York	25	396	2,421	1,092	470
North Carolina*	.....	.....	7,639	.....	.....
North Illinois	56	111	3,390	2,605	811
North Mississippi	2	4	35	.....	.....
North Missouri*	36	302	880	265	280
Ohio	100	1,219	6,425	4,330	333
Onondaga	66	588	2,454	2,029	.....
Oregon	5	62	383	290	.....
Pennsylvania	37	343	1,465	643	160
Pittsburgh	83	1,081	7,622	7,470	706
South Carolina	18	79	717	152	.....
South Illinois	39	352	1,932	782	.....
Tennessee	10	51	509	.....	.....
Texas	12	58	560	455	.....
Virginia	12	57	565	1,000	.....
West Michigan	49	435	1,958	1,041	233
West Virginia	205	1,312	9 424	7,054	.....
Boston Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring River Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	1,881	15,838	105,423	72,064	5,116

*From minutes of 1890, or from last Year Book.

The gain in the number of Sunday-school scholars over the number reported December, 1889, in the last Year Book, 2,760.

Statistical Table No. III—Financial (B).

Conferences.	Average Contribution per Member. For Pastors' Salaries.	For Home and Foreign Missions.	For all Purposes.
Alabama*	$ 1 12	.....	$ 1 25
Alabama Mission, Colored*	60	.⅞	77
Arkansas	59	.04	74
Arkansas Mission, Colored	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore Mission, Colored	2 90	.....	4 16
Central Texas	1 00	.11	2 10
Charleston Mission, Colored	27	.02	56
Colorado Texas*	1 25	.13	1 40
Colorado Texas Mission, Colored*	.....	.....	.....
Florida Mission	56	01	69
Fort Smith Mission*	41	.....	.....
Genesee	5 75	.14	12 10
Georgia	75	.08	97
Georgia, Colored	56	.07	66
Indian Mission	.....	.....	.....
Indiana	2 02	.08	4 08
Iowa	2 48	.14	4 68
Kansas	2 88	.07	4 52
Kentucky	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana*	33	.....	.....
Maryland	2 76	.34	6 97
Michigan	5 51	.16	11 91
Minnesota	3 75	.57	.....
Mississippi	60	.01	84
Missouri	1 78	.02	.....
Muskingum	2 18	.26	3 83
Nebraska	2 60	.12	4 30
New Jersey	3 81	.15	10 28
New York	4 56	.19	7 22
North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....
North Illinois	3 52	.25	5 90
North Mississippi	28	.¾	28
North Missouri	1 07	.07	.....
Ohio	2 38	.16	5 13
Onondaga	4 96	.12	7 06
Oregon	10 18	.43	18 01
Pennsylvania	1 95	.10	4 12
Pittsburgh	4 10	37	8 70
South Carolina	23	.02	41
South Illinois	1 29	.06	2 70
Tennessee	39	.03	.....
Texas	1 02	.10	.....
Virginia	30	.01	31
West Michigan	4 85	.29	7 76
West Virginia	96	.04	1 76
Boston Mission	.....	.....	.....
California Mission	.....	.....	.....
Spring River Mission	.....	.....	.....

*From minutes of 1890 or from last Year Book.

In giving these average contributions, fractions of a cent have, for want of space, been omitted. We retain the names of the three last Conferences given because they yet remain in the Discipline, though we believe they are practically extinct.